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“THE GOSPEL IN GOLD”

Across the London skyline stand two golden statues. The first, on top of the Old Bailey, is the figure of Lady Justice. She stands there with a set of scales in one hand and a sword in the other, representing the promise of justice for wrongdoing. The second, just across the rooftops, is the golden cross atop of St. Pauls Cathedral. This cross is, of course, a reminder of Christ’s substitutional death for sinners.

And in a way, those two statues summarise the message of the Bible. According to Scripture, God is *“the Judge of all the earth”* (Genesis 18:25), and demands full justice for His broken Law. But the Lord Jesus came to die in our place so that justice could still be done and yet there be mercy available for us all – *“that [God] might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus”* (Romans 3:26). So you and I have a choice: do we want justice or mercy from the hand of God? Perfect justice will cost us hell forever, but if we repent and put our faith in Christ, we will have mercy. Our choice.