

Jesus, The Master Teacher, No. 1

Introduction:

1. Recently I received a request to present one or more sermons on the topic of Personal Evangelism. Certainly this is a most appropriate request.
 - a. All things being equal, the time comes when God's people "ought to be teachers," Hebrews 5:12; I Peter 3:15.
 - b. The Religion of Jesus Christ is a taught religion, Matthew 28:18-20; 2 Timothy 2:2.
2. In view of what Christ and the Gospel have done for us, and what it can do for others, it should therefore be our desire to share the truth of the gospel with as many as possible, for the gospel is the only message which has any saving power, Romans 1:16.
3. However, before focusing on our collective and individual obligations to teach others the gospel, I think it appropriate that we first give consideration to the One Whose name we wear, Acts 11:26, Who purchased the church of which we are members, Acts 20:28, Who is its head, Colossians 1:18, and its Savior, Ephesians 5:23.
4. Title: Jesus, The Master Teacher.
5. Facts:
 - a. In the Greek culture no profession was more respected than that of teacher.
 - b. And Jesus was the Teacher of teachers; He was the master teacher! John 3:1,2; 7:46; Matthew 7:28,29.
 - c. We are told that in the Greek text Jesus was called "teacher" 45 times; "teaching," with reference to Jesus, is used 45 times; His followers were called "disciples" (meaning learners), a term said to occur 215 times.
6. Evidence of His effectiveness as a teacher is seen in His influence on others.
 - a. "They straightway left their nets, and followed Him," Matthew 4:19-22.
 - b. Zacchaeus was so affected by Jesus' influence that he said "Behold, Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor; and if I have taken anything from any man by false accusation, I restore him fourfold," Luke 19:8.
 - c. He took a band of poor, unschooled Galileans and used them to light a revolution of love that continues to burn in the hearts of men and women, Mark 16:15; Acts 4:13.

Discussion: **Why Jesus was The Master Teacher:**

- I. Because the Kind of Person He Was.
 - A. He was a man of compassion, Mark 6:34.
 1. Yet bold in His proclamations, Matthew 15:8,9,22.
 - B. He was meek and lowly, Matthew 11:29.
 1. Yet He defied the strongest authorities, John 19:9-11.
 - C. He made great Personal Claims, John 10:30; John 14:6.
 1. Yet He lived His life in humble service, John 13:4,5.
 - D. He spoke Harshly to Religious leaders, Matthew 23:13,14,15,19, etc.
 1. Yet He spoke softly to the broken hearted, John 8:10,11.
- II. **Because He Availed Himself of every Opportunity to Teach. He taught:**
 - A. On a mountain, Matthew 5:1,2.
 - B. In fields, Luke 6:1,2.
 - C. At a lake, Luke 5:1.
 - D. In a boat, Luke 5:3.
 - E. In the synagogue, Luke 4:16.
 - F. In the streets, Luke 8:1.
 - G. In houses, Luke 14:1,2; 10:38-42.
 - H. At a well, John 4:6-26.
- III. **Because He Taught Only what the Father wanted.**
 - A. John 7:16; 14:10; 17:8
- IV. **Because He Lived what He taught.**
 - A. Acts 1:1; 10:38; I Peter 2:21,22.
- V. **Because He gave time to Preparation.**

- A. Evidenced by His Growth, Luke 2:52.
- B. Evidenced by when He began teaching.
 1. Was baptized at age 30, Luke 3:23.
 2. Began teaching shortly afterwards, Luke 4:14,15.

VI. Because He used the message as a Means to a Greater End – Obedience to God!

- A. Consider the Sermon on the Mount, Matthew 5-7.
 1. He began to teach, Matthew 5:1,2.
 2. As He concluded He stressed the need to obey, Matthew 7:21, 24-27.

VII. Because He loved those whom He taught.

- A. He gave His life for them, John 10:11; Hebrews 2:9.
 1. “Jesus beholding him loved him,” Mark 10:17-21.
- B. Other Scriptures: Romans 5:8; John 15:13.
 1. Someone said: “I don’t care how much you know until I know how much you care

VIII. Because He was an Opportunist.

- A. He **made** opportunities to teach.
 1. Invited Himself home with Zacchaeus, Luke 19:4,5.
 2. Taught Mary while Martha worked, Luke 10:38,39.
 3. Began a conversation with the woman at the well, John 4:7
- B. He knew the importance of “now,” John 9:4.

IX. He Spent much Time in Prayer.

- A. Scriptures:
 1. At baptism, Luke 3:21.
 2. Luke 5:16; 6:12; 9:18,28-30;22:32.
 3. Matthew 26:36: Luke 23:34,46.

Conclusion:

1. Regarding Jesus, someone wrote the following:
 “He was born in an obscure village, the child of a peasant woman. He grew up in still another village, where He worked in a carpenter shop until He was thirty. Then for three years He was an itinerant preacher.”

“He never wrote a book. He never held an office. He never had a family or owned a house. He didn’t go to college.”

“He never traveled 200 miles from the place where He was born. He did none of the things one usually associated with greatness.”

“He had no credentials but Himself.”

“He was only 33 when public opinion turned against Him. His friends ran away. He was turned over to His enemies and went through the mockery of a trial. He was nailed to a cross between two thieves. When He was dying, His executioners gambled for His clothing, the only property He had on earth. When He was dead, He was laid in a borrowed grave through the pity of a friend.”

“Nineteen centuries have come and gone, and today He is the central figure of the human race, the Leader of mankind’s progress.”

“All the armies that ever marched, all the navies that ever sailed, all the parliaments that ever sat, all the kings that ever reigned, put together, have not affected the life of man on earth as much as this One Solitary life.”

2. He is the “Master Teacher!” Have you obeyed Him?
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