



JESUS: THE MODEL TEACHER

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There is no doubt that Jesus was the perfect teacher. He had to be because He was God. He was acknowledged as:

1. Called Rabbi (John 3:2).
2. Called teacher (John 3:2).
3. Taught by His Father (John 8:28).
4. Taught with authority (Matthew 7:29).
5. Called Master (Matthew 22:36).

Education scholars say Jesus taught on the third to fifth grade level: “The common people heard Him gladly” (Mark 12:37).

Here are few observations about the teaching content of Jesus:

1. His teaching didn't fit the doctrine and traditions of men that had developed within the Nation of Israel (Mark 7:7, 9).
2. He taught with authority (Mark 1:22).
3. Jesus was careful to analyze His audience (Parable of Sower, Luke 8).
4. Jesus was the Master of capturing interest with His stories, parables, figures, etc.
5. Jesus invested time in training other teachers (e.g. 12 disciples).
6. Jesus taught one-on-one (John 4, woman at well).
7. Jesus taught a large crowd (Matthew 5-7, Sermon on Mount).
8. Jesus taught there was only one way to God and salvation (John 14:6).
9. Jesus taught lessons of hope (Matthew 11:28-30, “Come unto me”).
10. Jesus taught “repent or perish” (Luke 13:3, 5).

Observations of some of Jesus' teaching methods:

1. Jesus followed the tradition of reading the Law
2. Jesus interpreted the Law (Scriptures)
3. Jesus taught to change lives (John 10:10)
4. Jesus taught to establish relationships
5. Jesus taught so people could know God (His Father)
6. Jesus taught to challenge students (Parables; John 1:11;6:64-66)



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7. Jesus taught the truth (John 8:31, 32, 36)
8. Jesus associated with all kinds of people (Luke 15:1-3; John 4)
9. Jesus asked questions (Key to all learning)
10. Jesus lived what He taught