

## Mastering Life

# Living With Trust

### I. Introduction

- A. The New Testament, when it talks about trusting Jesus, means to think Jesus is right about everything.
- B. "Have you made Jesus your personal teacher?"
  - 1. If you don't think that Jesus is right about everything, then you can't trust Him!
  - 2. A rabbi's job was to help people understand, and live, the Torah (the Law, God's Word).
  - 3. "Taking up that Rabbi's Yoke" - - taking up that rabbi's way of life.
- C. The Hebrew word for "authority" - - "shmecha" (schmee-khah)
- D. Matthew 5:38-39 (NAS) <sup>38</sup>*You have heard that it was said, 'AN EYE FOR AN EYE, AND A TOOTH FOR A TOOTH.'* <sup>39</sup>*But I say to you, do not resist an evil person; but whoever slaps you on your right cheek, turn the other to him also."*
- E. Matthew 5:43-44 (NAS) <sup>43</sup>*You have heard that it was said, 'YOU SHALL LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR and hate your enemy.'* <sup>44</sup>*But I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you."*
- F. Matthew 7:28-29 (NLT) <sup>28</sup>*When Jesus had finished saying these things, the crowds were amazed at his teaching,* <sup>29</sup>*for he taught with real authority—quite unlike their teachers of religious law.*
- G. Mark 1:27 (NLT) *Amazement gripped the audience, and they began to discuss what had happened. "What sort of new teaching is this?" they asked excitedly. "It has such authority! Even evil spirits obey his orders!"*
- H. Luke 20:1-4 (NLT) <sup>1</sup>*One day as Jesus was teaching the people and preaching the Good News in the Temple, the leading priests, the teachers of religious law, and the elders came up to him.* <sup>2</sup>*They demanded, "By what authority are you doing all these things? Who gave you the right?"* <sup>3</sup>*"Let me ask you a question first," he replied.* <sup>4</sup>*"Did John's authority to baptize come from heaven, or was it merely human?"*
- I. John 1:29 (NLT) *The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, "Look! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!"*
- J. Matthew 3:16-17 (NLT) <sup>16</sup>*After his baptism, as Jesus came up out of the water, the heavens were opened and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and settling on him.* <sup>17</sup>*And a voice from heaven said, "This is my dearly loved Son, who brings me great joy."*
- K. Matthew 17:5 (NLT) *"This is my dearly loved Son, who brings me great joy. Listen to him."*

- L. John 7:14-15 (NLT) <sup>14</sup>*Then, midway through the festival, Jesus went up to the Temple and began to teach. <sup>15</sup>The people were surprised when they heard him. "How does he know so much when he hasn't been trained?" they asked.*

- M. Matthew 26:73 (NLT) *A little later some of the other bystanders came over to Peter and said, "You must be one of them; we can tell by your Galilean accent."*
1. No one's teaching in the history of the world has ever affected the human race like the teachings of Jesus Christ!
  2. "Mathetes" means "a learner, an apprentice."
  3. "I'm taking apprentices now. And the 'craft' that I have mastered is called life."
  4. Whose "apprentice" are you going to be?
- N. Matthew 11:28-30 (NAS) <sup>28</sup>*Come to Me, all who are weary and heavy-laden, and I will give you rest.* <sup>29</sup>*Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.* <sup>30</sup>*For My yoke is easy and My burden is light.*
1. "Jesus, I will seek to do whatever You say about everything!"

## II. Conclusion