

The Real Jesus

Jesus the Teacher

I. Introduction

- A. Characteristics of great teachers
 - 1. Great teachers set high expectations for their students.
 - 2. Great teachers form strong relationships with their students.
 - 3. Great teachers are masters of their subject matter.
 - 4. Great teachers teach in ways that are memorable.
- B. John 14:26 (NLT) *"But when the Father sends the Advocate as my representative—that is, the Holy Spirit—he will teach you everything and will remind you of everything I have told you."*
- C. You will never really understand the real Jesus until you encounter Him as YOUR teacher!

II. How Does the Real Jesus Resemble Other Great Teachers?

- A. Matthew 5:20 (NLT) *"But I warn you—unless your righteousness is better than the righteousness of the teachers of religious law and the Pharisees, you will never enter the Kingdom of Heaven!"*
- B. Matthew 5:28 (NAS) *"But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lust for her has already committed adultery with her in his heart."*
- C. Matthew 5:44 (NAS) *"But I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you."*

III. How Did the Real Jesus' Teaching Differ From Other Great Teachers?

- A. The real Jesus' teaching is incredibly wise.
 - 1. Matthew 13:54 (NLT) *He returned to Nazareth, his hometown. When he taught there in the synagogue, everyone was amazed and said, "Where does he get this wisdom and the power to do miracles?"*
 - 2. "Wisdom" - - skill in how to live life!
 - 3. Wisdom is skill in relating to God, and skill in relating to all different kinds of people!
 - 4. Science can reveal to us the mechanics of how something works, but it can't reveal to us the purpose of that particular thing.
 - 5. Matthew 19:4-6 (NLT) *⁴"Haven't you read the Scriptures?" Jesus replied. "They record that from the beginning 'God made them male and female.' ⁵And he said, 'This explains why a man leaves his father and mother and is joined to his wife, and the two are united into one.' ⁶Since they are no longer two but one, let no one split apart what God has joined together."*
 - 6. If you think Jesus' teaching is wise, do you listen to Him?
- B. The real Jesus' teaching is authoritative.
 - 1. John 7:15-17 (NLT) *¹⁵The people were surprised when they heard him. "How does he know so much when he hasn't been trained?" they asked. ¹⁶So Jesus told them, "My message is not my own; it comes from God who sent me. ¹⁷Anyone who wants to do the will of God will know whether my teaching is from God or is merely my own."*
 - 2. The real Jesus derived His authority directly from God!

3. John 7:16 (NLT) *So Jesus told them, "My message is not my own; it comes from God who sent me."*
 4. It means bringing your entire life under the teaching of Jesus!
 5. If you think Jesus' teaching is authoritative, do you obey Him?
 6. John 7:17 (NLT) *"Anyone who wants to do the will of God will know whether my teaching is from God or is merely my own."*
- C. The real Jesus' teaching was mainly about Himself.
1. John 14:6 (NAS) *Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father but through Me."*
 2. We find in Jesus a combination of the self-centeredness of His teaching, and the unself-centeredness of His behavior.
 3. If you think Jesus' teaching is true about Himself, do you come to Him?
 4. Matthew 11:28 (NAS) *"Come to Me, all who are weary and heavy-laden, and I will give you rest."*

IV. Conclusion