

# The Teaching of Jesus

# Teachers

- We all probably remember a favorite school teacher
- Perhaps we remember a good Bible teacher from whom we learned a lot

- Christianity is a taught religion
- Mt. 28:20
- “Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen.”

## 2 Tim. 2:2

- And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also.

# 1. Jesus taught with authority

- Mt. 7:28-29
- “And it came to pass, when Jesus had ended these sayings, the people were astonished at his doctrine: For he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes.”

## **Mt. 21:42**

- Jesus saith unto them, Did ye never read in the scriptures, The stone which the builders rejected, the same is become the head of the corner: this is the Lord's doing, and it is marvellous in our eyes?

# Lesson for us

- Our authority for teaching comes from God!
- Col. 3:17
- “And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him.”

- We must emphasize God's word and be loyal to the truth
- Mt. 15:9
- "But in vain they do worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men."
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## 2. Jesus teaching was joined with action

- Acts 1:1
- “The former treatise have I made, O Theophilus, of all that Jesus began both to do and teach”

## Mt. 9:35

- And Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every sickness and every disease among the people

## Mt. 5:44

- But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you;
- **Lk. 23:34** “Then said Jesus, Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do”

# Lesson for us

- Our teaching must be joined with actions
- We must show that we care

### 3. Jesus teaching was with compassion

- Mk. 6:34
- “And Jesus, when he came out, saw much people, and was moved with compassion toward them, because they were as sheep not having a shepherd: and he began to teach them many things”
- His response to the shepherd-less sheep was to teach them!

# Lesson for us

- People today are wandering about in every direction trying to find meaning in life.
- They look for purpose and hope
- Let us have compassion on them and teach them!

## **4. His teaching was balanced**

- God's love and care (Parables in Luke 15)
- God's judgment against sinners (Parable of the talents)

## **Acts 20:27**

- For I have not shunned to declare unto you all the counsel of God.



- His teaching took into consideration the ability of his listeners to understand
- “Milk and Meat”

## **Jn. 16:12**

- I have yet many things to say unto you, but ye cannot bear them now.

## 1 Cor. 3:2

- I have fed you with milk, and not with meat: for hitherto ye were not able to bear it, neither yet now are ye able.

# Lesson for us

- We must preach and teach all of God's word
- We need to start with people where they are, and lead them to where they need to be

## **5. Jesus taught as he had (or made) opportunity**

- Synagogue
- Temple
- Simon the Pharisee's house
- Sitting in a boat teaching people on the shore

- Large crowds
- Small groups
- Individuals

# Lesson for us

- We should teach as we have opportunity
- As we go here and there in our daily lives

- Sometimes we can make opportunities:
- Ask a question
- Give someone a tract – ask them to read it and tell you what they think



# Conclusion

- Jesus was the Great Teacher
- As Christians we have the privilege of teaching what He taught
- Let us learn to teach as He taught and to practice what we teach!