Jesus, The Master Teacher
Introduction

• “The Ministry of Jesus is described as essentially one of **teaching**” Dan Flournoy

• Mt. 4:23

• “And Jesus went about all Galilee, **teaching** in their synagogues, and **preaching** the gospel of the kingdom,”
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- Mt. 7:28
- “And it came to pass, when Jesus had ended these sayings, the people were astonished at his doctrine (teaching)”
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- Jn. 3:2
- “The same came to Jesus by night, and said unto him, Rabbi, we know that thou art a teacher come from God: for no man can do these miracles that thou doest, except God be with him.”
I. Jesus Was A Great Teacher

- JESUS WAS A TEACHER!
- In the gospel accounts the Greek text calls him “teacher” 45 times
- What he did was called “teaching” 45 times
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- Mt. 5:2
- “And he opened his mouth, and taught them, saying”
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- The teacher must be:
  - Energetic
  - Committed
  - Prepared

- Jesus had all of these qualities and much more
  - 1 Jn. 2:6
  - We must live as Jesus lived
  - Follow His example
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- **Where Jesus taught:**
  - Under a tree
  - On a mountain
  - By a river
  - In houses

- From a boat
- In the synagogue
- In the streets
II. Jesus Knew The Value Of Teaching

• “...Christianity is a taught religion. It does not come upon one without instruction in the Word of God, but depends upon the energy, commitment, and preparation of a teacher.” Carl B. Garner
II. Jesus Knew The Value Of Teaching

- 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.”
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- Nehemiah 8:8
- “So they read in the book in the law of God distinctly, and gave the sense, and caused them to understand the reading.”
- Made it clear so they could understand what was read!
III. Jesus Spoke Plainly

- Teaching does not take place until learning takes place!
- Jesus spoke plainly and those who wanted to understand could do so
Jn. 10:24

- “Then came the Jews round about him, and said unto him, How long dost thou make us to doubt? If thou be the Christ, tell us plainly”
III. Jesus Spoke Plainly

- People today still want to hear **plain words**
- Jesus taught Nicodemus
- Jn. 3:3
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“Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.”
III. Jesus Spoke Plainly

- He spoke plainly to the Scribes and Pharisees
- Mt. 23:23
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- “Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye pay tithe of mint and anise and cummin, and have omitted the weightier matters of the law, judgment, mercy, and faith: these ought ye to have done, and not to leave the other undone.”
IV. Jesus Never Avoided Controversy

• He did not go about looking for trouble – but he never ran from controversy

• “Jesus was neither cowardly nor contentious, but faced issues with manly courage and wisdom.” Garner
IV. Jesus Never Avoided Controversy

- The Woman taken in adultery
- Jn. 8:7
- “So when they continued asking him, he lifted up himself, and said unto them, He that is without sin among you, let him first cast a stone at her”
IV. Jesus Never Avoided Controversy

- A question about paying **taxes**
- Lk. 20:22
- “Is it lawful for us to give tribute unto Caesar, or no?”
IV. Jesus Never Avoided Controversy

- Lk. 20:25
- “And he said unto them, Render therefore unto Caesar the things which be Caesar's, and unto God the things which be God's.”
V. His Material Was Practical

- He did not teach the philosophy of men
- His miracles proved that His words were true
- He debated to expose and oppose error
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• His parables taught great spiritual lessons – He was not just a “story teller”
• He was logical in his teaching
• Jesus demanded that the hearers do something
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- Mt. 7:21
- “Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven.”
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• To be a disciple of Jesus then and now requires total commitment to Him
Conclusion

- 2000 years later He still teaches
- HE IS THE MASTER TEACHER!
- Let us follow His great example!
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