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 alway, 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.”
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!