

# LIFE & MINISTRY OF *Christ*

## **Introduction: In Studying “The Life of Jesus”**

Let's look at some facts about the gospels in the Life of Christ

### **The Gospels:**

John: The fourth Gospel.

- a. Matthew, Mark, and Luke's account of the life of Jesus is different from John's.
- b. There are significant events in the (ministry of Jesus) that Matthew, Mark, and Luke all include - yet John leaves out:
- c. The first three Gospels center on Jesus' ministry in Galilee. John centers his Gospel on what Jesus said and did in Jerusalem.
- d. Each of the Gospels emphasizes a different origin of Jesus.

**1. Matthew shows Jesus came from Abraham through David, and demonstrates that He is the promised Messiah in the Old Testament (Matthew 1:1-17).**

Matthew places emphasis on Jesus fulfillment of prophecy.

**2. Mark shows Jesus came from Nazareth, demonstrating that Jesus is a Servant (Mark 1:9).** Primary focus is on Jesus public life, ministry, death and resurrection.

**3. Luke shows Jesus came from Adam, demonstrating that Jesus is the Perfect Man (Luke 3:23-38).**

Luke tries to describe the virgin birth and focuses on the ministry of Jesus to the Gentiles, to the poor, to sinners and out cast, and to women & children and tender compassion to the widows.

**4. John shows Jesus came from heaven, demonstrating that Jesus is God. The central theme is that the divine Logos, the word that was with God and that the word was God.**

Gospel of John is written for a specific purpose: that we might believe. A key verse for understanding the Gospel of John is found at the end of the book:

But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His name (**John 20:31**).

### **Teaching and Training of Jesus Christ**

Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing all kinds of sickness among the people. **Matthew 4:23**

**Matt 7: 28 & 29** He taught as one having authority

**Matt 9:35** Healed every sickness & disease

**Matt 11:1** Taught & Preached in many cities

**Matt 13:54** People would say, "Where did He get this wisdom & mighty works

**Matt 26:55** Jesus taught daily



## **What were the major themes of Jesus teaching?**

**1st Greatest Theme of Jesus teaching was Himself / Proclaim Himself, who he was and what he came to do.**

### **"I AM" Statements I the gospel of John**

John shows us who Jesus is by giving us Jesus' own words about Himself, expressed in dramatic I AM statements. These I AM statements were not included in the first three gospels.

**John 6:35** "I Am" the Bread of Life

**John 7: 29** "I Am" from Him

**John 8: 12, 9:5** "I Am" the Light of the World

**John 8:16** "I Am" not alone but I Am with the Father who sent me

**John 8:18** "I Am" one who bears witness of myself

**John 8:24, 28 ,58,** "I Am" (Old testament History states Jesus there claimed to be the voice that spoke through the burning bush. People picked up stones to stone Him.

**John 10:7, 9** "I Am" the Door

**John 10: 11, 14** "I Am" the Good Shepherd

**John 10:36** "I Am" the Son of God

**John 11: 25** I Am the Resurrection and the Life

**John 13:13** You call me Teacher and Lord and you say well, for so, "I Am"

**John 14: 6** "I Am" the Way, Truth and the Life

**John 14:10, 11, 20** "I Am" in the Father and the Father in me

**John 15: 1** "I Am" the True Vine

**John 17:14** "I Am" not of this world

**John 18:4-5** When the mob came to arrest Him, He said, "I Am"

**John 18: 37 – 38** "I Am a King"

## **2nd Greatest Theme of Jesus teaching "The Kingdom of God"**

Taught in Parables:

**(Matthew 13:11;18-23)** Parable of the soils – The word of God first impacts us through the seeds of God's word.

**(Matthew 13:24 – 30; 36 – 43)** Parable of the Wheat and tares – Enemysowed tares, Jesus will sort out at the end.

**Matthew 13:** Parable of the dragnet – corruption in the Kingdom of God even until the end of the age.

### **3<sup>rd</sup> Greatest theme of Jesus teaching is how His Kingdom citizens should live within His Kingdom.**

#### **Sermon on the mount is How People ought to live**

1. The Beatitudes – Matthew 5
2. Jesus teaches us how to understand God's law  
Matthew 5: 17-37
3. New Commandment "Love" John 13:34  
"A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another"

#### **Application:**

1. Jesus said, "I AM" statements. DO I KNOW JESUS IN THESE WAYS?  
Discuss a few I am statements.
2. In Matthew 13, Discuss how the seed sowing principle works in the life of a believer or non-Christian alike.
3. Jesus declares Himself as He really is / How do we present ourselves?
4. Describe the "New Commandment of Love", how does this commandment help us to over-come in our everyday life style?



## **One Solitary Life**

**By Reverend James Allan Francis**

He was born in an obscure village, a child of a peasant woman. He grew up in another obscure village where he worked in a carpenter shop until he was thirty.

Then for three years he was an itinerant preacher. He traveled around the country and stopped to talk and to listen to people and to help where he could. He was never a social media influencer.

He never had a family. Or owned a home.

He never went to college or had training of His religious day He never set foot inside a big city. He never traveled more than two hundred miles from the place he was born.

He had no credentials except himself. He never wrote a book or held an office.

He did none of the things that usually accompany greatness.

While he was still a young man, the tide of popular opinion turned against him.

His friends deserted him.

When he was arrested, very few people wanted anything to do with Him

His loudest follower denied him, most of His friends ran away.

He was turned over to His enemies

He went through the mockery of a trial. Turned over to the state.

He was nailed to a cross, between two thieves.

While he was dying his executioners gambled for the only piece of property he had, his coat.

When he was dead, he was taken down and laid in a borrowed grave, contributed by a friend.

All this happened twentieth centuries ago and today he is still the leading figure of the human race. An ultimate example of love

It is no exaggeration to say

All the armies that ever marched, All the navies that ever sailed, and all the parliaments that ever sat, And all the kings that ever reigned

And all the rulers that ever ruled on this earth and all Put together, have not affected the life of man upon this earth, as powerfully as this One Solitary Life.

This poem originated in a book entitled "The Real Jesus and Other Sermons" The author's name is the Reverend James Allan Francis.

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