



JESUS: Sent to Earth
JESUS: Sent to Build the Church - TEACHER
John 13:13
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Sermon Summary

Throughout history Jesus has been widely regarded as a great teacher by both those who accept Him as God and those who reject Him as God. Thomas Jefferson rejected the deity and miracles of Jesus, but embraced His teaching. If you're among the unconvinced or seeking, welcome. You are invited to grapple with who Jesus IS before you get tangled up in His teachings. If you are a follower of Jesus, remember not to get the sequence out of order. We shouldn't apply the ethic of Jesus' teaching to those who don't follow Him. Upon embracing Jesus as God, we accept Him as the Teacher who is building His church. In this study, we will consider how Jesus taught and the ways His teaching activated in the lives of His followers enhances the building of a healthy Church.

Diving Into The Message

*You call me 'Teacher' and 'Lord,' and you are right, because that's what I am. **John 13:13***

FOUR WAYS JESUS TAUGHT AND MY RESPONSE:

1. Jesus Taught with Authority.

*When Jesus had finished saying these things, the crowds were amazed at his teaching, 29 for he taught with real authority—quite unlike their teachers of religious law. **Matthew 7:28&29 NLT***

My Response: I will trust and obey Jesus.

*Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. **Matthew 7:24 NIV***

2. Jesus Taught with Courage.

Just then his disciples returned and were surprised to find him talking with a woman. But no one asked, "What do you want?" or "Why are you talking with her?" **John 4:27 NIV**

My Response: I will be courageous.

*This is my command—be strong and courageous! Do not be afraid or discouraged. For the Lord your God is with you wherever you go. **Joshua 1:9 NLT***

3. Jesus Taught with Humility

*After washing their feet, he put on his robe again and sat down and asked, "Do you understand what I was doing? You call me 'Teacher' and 'Lord,' and you are right, because that's what I am. And since I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you ought to wash each other's feet. I have given you an example to follow. Do as I have done to you. I tell you the truth, slaves are not greater than their master. Nor is the messenger more important than the one who sends the message. Now that you know these things, God will bless you for doing them. **John 13:12 -17 NLT***

My Response: I will serve.

For you have been called to live in freedom, my brothers and sisters. But don't use your freedom to satisfy your sinful nature. Instead, use your freedom to serve one another in love.

Galatians 5:13 NLT

4. Jesus Taught with Love

*This is my commandment: Love each other in the same way I have loved you. There is no greater love than to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command. I no longer call you slaves, because a master doesn't confide in his slaves. Now you are my friends, since I have told you everything the Father told me. You didn't choose me. I chose you. I appointed you to go and produce lasting fruit, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask for, using my name. This is my command: Love each other. **John 15:12 - 17 NLT***

But God showed his great love for us by sending Christ to die for us while we were still sinners.

Romans 5:8 NLT

My Response: I will love.

*We love each other because he loved us first. **1 John 4:19 NLT***

LIFE APPLICATION SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE

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Life Application Questions

1. What Jesus teaches and commands can be difficult to obey. What is a teaching of Jesus that you find easy to obey? Why? What is a teaching of Jesus that you find difficult to obey? Why? Enlist prayer and accountability support to help you on your journey of obedience.
2. Jesus taught with COURAGE when He interacted with the Samaritan woman at the well. Much of His courage was borne of the fact that “good” Jewish men did not interact with women, especially “unclean” Samaritan women, in public. How did Jesus exhibit courage in his encounter? What do you see as a 21st Century parallel? How do you need to follow Jesus’ lead?
3. Humility seems to be in short supply today. When we are demonstrating humility, we are not thinking less of ourselves, we are thinking of ourselves less and others more. How are you actively pursuing serving opportunities in your church and community? Do you know your spiritual gift(s)? If you do, are you using your giftedness to serve in the church? If you do not know your spiritual gift(s) text GIFT to 228.265.5020 for a short survey to help you discern your giftedness.
4. Read Romans 5:8. Describe how you have experienced God’s great love. What was your life like before you encountered Jesus. How did you encounter Jesus in a life-changing way? What has your life been like since you encountered Jesus as your Savior and Lord?

For Deeper Discussion

1. Read the encounter of Jesus and the Samaritan woman at the well (John 4:1-30). Trace the five stages of Jesus’ communication with her from CASUAL (Stage 1) to GOSPEL (Stage 5).
2. Casual vv. 7
3. Personal vv. 8-15
4. Meaningful vv. 16 -18
5. Spiritual vv. 19-24
6. Gospel vv. 25-30
7. How can you use Jesus’ example to share the Gospel?