

Christ As A Preacher: How He Spoke

(Matthew 7:28-29)

- Introduction:**
1. Ills. Of Anne Marie bringing me breakfast - "I just want to be like Jesus."
 2. The aim of every gospel preacher should be the same.
 3. Consequently, we call him the "Master Teacher."
 4. If he is that, then why don't more preachers set their mind on preaching like him?
 5. Let's look at what it means to preach and teach like Jesus.

I. First, Don't Use Jesus As An Excuse To Be Mean-Spirited.

- A. I know some brethren who are some of the most **mean-spirited, hateful, cutting, harsh, sarcastic, vitriolic, malicious** people I have ever known.
- B. What's worse than that is that they attempt to use Jesus to excuse their sin.
- C. (Matthew 23:23,24,33).
- D. However, Jesus knew the hearts of men (Mark 2:8; Luke 6:8).
- E. I would suggest that this is not the way he talked to everyone.

II. Jesus Taught With Compassion

- A. (Luke 7:36-48).
- B. "Do you see this woman" (v. 44).
- C. Consider the difference between the way Jesus saw and spoke to this woman and the way the Pharisee saw and spoke to this woman.

III. Jesus Taught With Authority

- A. When Jesus spoke, everyone listened (Matthew 7:28-29; John 7:40-45).
- B. The circumstances didn't change the way Jesus spoke.
- C. (John 14:6) Not only did Jesus speak truth, but he embodied truth.
- D. (1 Timothy 4:12; Titus 2:15).

IV. Jesus Taught With Parables

- A. (Matthew 13:34-35).
- B. If you want to preach like Jesus, Illustrate!
 1. Don't be ashamed of telling a good story that illustrates truth.
- C. Illustrations will make your sermons memorable.
 1. Ills. Sermon with the alarm clock.
- D. Ways to better illustrate:
 1. Use illustrations that are truthful (Ills. NASA, the Napkin, etc.).
 2. Use illustrations people understand (Ills. Sports, Cars, etc.).
 3. Use illustrations that create suspense (Ills. It's A Wonderful Life).
 4. Use illustrations from obscure characters (Ills. Eliam).

- Conclusion:**
1. Friends, my goal in life is to preach like Jesus.
 2. No one is around today who heard him and who can tell me whether I'm successful or not, so the only way I can know I'm making progress is to open the Book.
 3. May God give us the courage, conviction, and compassion to preach like Jesus!