



THEME – The Total Package

Subject: Jesus the Master Teacher (Ephesians 4:11-13 NIV)

Scripture Passage:

“So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and became mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.”

Introduction:

Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews, conceded that Jesus of Nazareth was “a teacher” from God, as documented by the “signs” which he did (John 3:2). A wealthy young ruler approached the Lord asking, “Teacher, what good thing shall I do, that I may have eternal life?” (Matthew 19:16). Even Jesus’ enemies addressed him as “Teacher” (Matthew 22:16, 24), though their use of the expression was not always genuine. The Lord is addressed as “Teacher” twenty-nine times in the Gospels. The noun (teacher) and verb (teach) combined are used of Jesus some ninety times. Christ’s teaching was informative, logical, buttressed by Old Testament evidence, well-illustrated, documented by divine power, original, and uniquely authoritative (Matthew 7:28). When officers once were sent to arrest him, they returned to their superiors empty-handed, exclaiming: “Never man so spoke” (John 7:46). The Lord’s various methods of teaching beg for careful study.

Scripture References:

See each section under Biblical Applications. Scriptures are provided for reference and as a study tool. Please feel free to use other scriptures that you think are relevant and provide insight.

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Biblical Applications:

1. **Jesus the Apostle** (one who is sent, Jesus was the perfect example) **Hebrews 3:1; John 3:17**

What do the apostles look like today? Explain how the office of an Apostle be rebranded?

2. **Jesus the Prophet** (root meaning “to bubble forth, as from a fountain) **I Corinthians 14:3; Matthew 16:21; Matthew 24; Mark 6:4-6**

What is the purpose of prophecy? Are there types of prophecy? Provide examples of when Jesus displayed the prophetic.

- Growing in the prophetic: **What should you ask God for if this is your calling?**

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3. **Jesus the Evangelist** (one who carries the gospel, **good news**, to cities and places where the gospel was unknown, missionary) **Mathew 4:17, 11:4-5; Luke 4:18, 43; 7:22; 8:1; 16:16; 20:1**

How was Jesus viewed as an Evangelist? Explain the role of the Evangelist in the Bible? Has that role changed or is it the same? Explain.

Growing in the evangelistic: **How should you prepare to be an Evangelist?**

4. **Jesus the Pastor** (one who shepherds and feeds the sheep) **Matthew 11:28; John 10:11-15; 1 Peter 5:2; Hebrews 13:20**

What is pastoral care? How did Jesus show pastoral care?

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Growing in the pastoral: **How should anyone called to pastor ask for and how should they prepare themselves to shepherd God's sheep?**

5. **Jesus the Teacher** (one who instructs, called Rabbi in the Bible) **Matthew 11:15; Matthew 26; Matthew 10; Matthew 14**

How did Jesus teach his disciples and the people?

Growing in teaching: **Are there certain qualifications or characteristics that teachers have? What do they need to do to become an effective teacher?**

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Closing:

Perhaps reading this you are wondering how you can apply it. **Jesus was the son of God, how can I follow in his footsteps since he was perfect?**

In fact, Jesus was the blueprint from which we build the church; We are called **‘the body of Christ’ (1 Corinthians 12:27)**. Jesus was fully human (as well as fully God) so that his example could become our standard of living. Through Jesus, we as believers now have the Holy Spirit residing inside of us, to help us live like him.

Therefore each of us can look at these 5 areas of ministry and grow in each of them. We may have a specific calling into 1 or more of these, but **that does not exclude you from growing in each area.**

I encourage you, today, to meditate on each of these gifts and ask God how you can grow in that area. That each of us would be an **accurate representation of Jesus to the world.**

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