

The Teachings of Jesus

Jesus and the Life of Blessing

Matthew 5:1-12

Introduction

The teachings of Jesus were quite profound and yet simple and innovative. Jesus began his teaching ministry about 30 AD during the brutal Roman occupation of Palestine.

1. There were four major religious groups in Israel; the Pharisees, the _____, the Essenes, and the Zealots.
2. The Pharisees were the _____ teachers.
3. Sadducees were wealthy merchants, aristocratic families, and Hasmonean _____.
4. The Essenes were also a religious group that referred to themselves as "Sons of _____."
5. The Zealots were a religious _____ group who wanted to overthrow Roman rule and bring freedom to the homeland by force.
6. The message of Jesus was one of humility, charity, and _____.
7. His teachings promised _____ not only in this world but also in the next.
8. Jesus offered a way of life that guaranteed eternal life in the Kingdom of _____.
9. In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus introduced this better life in a series of _____.
Jesus went up on a mount and prepared to _____.
10. The crowds could listen in, but the teaching was for the _____.

I. Position of Authority

11. _____ was the common posture for teaching in that culture.
12. Sitting was the accepted posture of all the rabbis in the synagogue _____.
13. When Jesus speaks, it's like _____ himself is talking.
14. Jesus taught that the difference between a life based on reason and a life based on faith is _____.
15. One is natural, and the other is supernatural - natural wisdom based on human understanding versus _____ wisdom received from Almighty God.
16. Jesus taught that your life needed to be built on the power and authority of _____.
17. Faith is provided by the divine wisdom of God, while humanism relies entirely upon information gathered from other _____.
18. The teachings of Jesus gave the people new insight into _____.
19. Our _____ relies upon the power of Christ.
20. Christ's ultimate authority and power as God is what overcomes death, hell, and the _____.

II. Proclaim with Authority

21. When Jesus spoke, people wanted to _____ to what he had to say.
22. In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus tells us how to _____.
23. Jesus promised God's love and _____ life in the Kingdom of Heaven.

24. Jesus taught that the Messianic Kingdom was a kingdom of _____.
25. Jesus continually _____ the disciples with this message because He wanted them to carry it to others.
26. The disciples believed in Christ's _____ of authority.

III. Captivated by Authority

27. For many, the very idea of authority implies _____.
28. God's authority is _____, unshakeable, and unchangeable.
29. God's power and authority are _____, and all human authority is derived from God's sovereignty.
30. The _____ was a central figure and the one who received the word of God for the nation.
31. The Rabbis developed a way to live a Godly and righteous life which they detailed in the _____.
32. Many of the scribes and teachers were _____ people, but their words lacked divine power and authority.
33. Jesus spoke with an authority even greater than that of the _____.
34. When _____ read the scriptures, it was as if they were hearing them for the first time.
35. The common people immediately realize that Jesus was someone _____, even though they didn't fully understand his mission.
36. Jesus was the Son of the Living God, the long-awaited _____ sent by God to redeem the world.

37. And they were captivated by his teachings, for he taught as one having authority!

Conclusion

38. Christian authority comes from one source only, from the _____.

39. Jesus is the _____ Word of God made flesh.

When it comes to our mission as the Church, we need to remember that it is not just through eloquent words and church programs that we show we are the living Body of Christ, but through our ministry and mission of healing, mercy, and prayer. Our purpose is to introduce people to the living Christ, who heals, forgives, provides for, helps, and gives eternal life to all those who receive Him as Savior and Lord.

ANSWERS

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| 1. Sadducees | 24. Peace |
| 2. Rabbinical | 25. Trained |
| 3. Priests | 26. Position |
| 4. Zadok | 27. Inequality |
| 5. Militant | 28. Absolute |
| 6. Love | 29. Unlimited |
| 7. Salvation | 30. Prophet |
| 8. Heaven | 31. Torah |
| 9. Beattudes | 32. Wise |
| 10. Disciples | 33. Prophets |
| 11. Sitting | 34. Jesus |
| 12. Schools | 35. Special |
| 13. God | 36. Messiah |
| 14. Simple | 37. Truth |
| 15. Supernatural | 38. Living |
| 16. God | |
| 17. Humans | |
| 18. Authority | |
| 19. Faith | |
| 20. Grave | |
| 21. Listen | |
| 22. Live | |
| 23. Eternal | |