

“The Greatest Teacher”

Mark 6:34

Introduction

- I. Teachers are known to be remembered for their encouragement and abilities.
- II. Jesus is referred to in different ways: rabbi, master, Son of God, Son of man.
- III. Jesus is also remembered as being a great teacher.
 - A. Forty times in the Gospel accounts, Jesus is mentioned as being a teacher.
 - B. With Christianity being a taught religion (one does not inherit Christianity), it should not surprise us that Jesus is “The Greatest Teacher” (Matt. 28:20; 2 Tim. 2:2).

Discussion

- I. Jesus taught authoritatively.
 - A. Jesus did not rely on the teachings of other Rabbis or traditions (Matt. 7:28-29; 15:9).
 - B. Jesus referenced and applied Scripture (Matt. 21:42; Luke 24:27; John 8:40-46).
 - C. Teachers today should not rely on peers, writings of men or their own suppositions (Col. 3:17; John 12:48).
- II. Jesus backed His teaching with action.
 - A. Acts 1:1
 - B. Not only did Jesus teach the right way to be, but He demonstrated it as well (Matt. 9:35).
 - C. Jesus “practiced what He preached” (Matt. 5:44; Luke 23:34).
 - D. Remember the saying: “People don't care how much you know until they know how much you care”.
 - E. Jesus had compassion, and He demonstrated it by teaching (Mark 6:34).
- III. Jesus was balance with His teaching.
 - A. Jesus taught about God's love (different parables in Luke 15).
 - B. Jesus taught about God's judgment (Matt. 18:21-35; 25:14-30).
 - C. Paul followed the example of Jesus and taught “...all the counsel of God” (Acts 20:27).
- IV. Jesus taught as people were able to comprehend.
 - A. John 16:12
 - B. There is a difference between people [“milk” and “meat”] (1 Cor. 3:2).
- V. Jesus taught as He had opportunity.
 - A. Formal and informal settings.
 1. In a synagogue (Matt. 13:54).
 2. Daily in the Temple (Luke 19:47).
 3. In Simon the Pharisee's home (Luke 7:36ff.)
 4. In a boat (Luke 5:3).
 5. Multitudes (Mark 2:13)
 6. Individuals (John 4:4-26).

Conclusion

- I. Jesus is the perfect Example of what a teacher of the Word should be.
- II. Let us have the courage and desire to teach as He wants (Matt. 28:18-20).