

The Life and Teachings of Jesus 1

Jesus is the Word of God

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Text: John 1:1-5

The most important person

Learning about Jesus will show you the best path for your life, reveal the truth about the past, present, and the future, and give you hope and help to live an abundant life. Jesus is the way, the truth, and the life. He is the most important person you can know.

The urgency of MBBC ministries

We exist as a church because of Jesus Christ. He is the only reason we exist. He is the only reason we are united in our mission together. We serve Him, and we live for Him. We declare His message, and we fulfill His will. His message is an urgent message because time is short. We do not know if we will still be alive one hour from now to the next. Whether by COVID or by traffic accident, our lives could end unexpectedly. His message is of the utmost importance because it is the only remedy to being delivered from eternal condemnation. Because of urgency and importance, our ministry at MBBC is defined. We have no other thing to do that is more important or urgent than to proclaim the Gospel message and to preach Jesus.

Presenting Jesus

In previous lessons, I began to present messages about the greatest man who has ever lived. Of course, this is Jesus. And from these lessons, I have been showing why we need to know Him and have been revealing from the Word of God why He is more than just a man, He is God. He is timeless, He always is, He is one of a kind, He invites us to the kingdom of heaven, He is the Word of God, He comes with convicting truth, and He is hated by most. He is the sight-giver, He is the true Christ. He thanked His Father for hearing Him, He thanked His Father for food, He thanked His Father for revealing truth, and He thanked His Father for salvation. We should be thankful for no less.

In this next series about Jesus, I will present the life and teachings of Jesus in time. This means I will present Jesus chronologically as He is presented in the Gospels, Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John.

In the Beginning

This brings us to John 1:1-5, "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made. In him was life; and the life was the light of men. And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not."

The Word was in the beginning. The Word was with God. And the Word was God.

In case there is any doubt about who the Word is, John 1:14 says, "And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth."

First Timothy 3:16 says of Him, "And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: God was manifest in the flesh, justified in the Spirit, seen of angels, preached unto the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up into glory."

Why is He called the Word of God?

Why is Jesus called the Word of God? The answer is simple. He came to communicate. He came to inform. He came to tell us who we are and what we need. He came to tell us who He is and why we need Him.

He was God's message to us, not only in word, but in manifestation. As John 1:14 says, "We beheld Him." John and the disciples beheld Him like no others. They walked with Him, they listened to Him, they ate with Him, they were trained by Him, they lived with Him, they served Him, and they touched Him.

He was the embodiment of God's message, verbally, physically, and spiritually in real time and in real life. They beheld Jesus, God, God's messenger, God's Son, the Son of man, and God's message all in one.

We communicate by words, as well as by pictures, by videos, by holographs, by demonstrations, by illustrations, by skits, by pantomiming, and much more. Jesus communicated by all means in His day that He might be all means save some. He has enlisted and commissioned us to do likewise, to communicate His message by all means possible. We talk about Him and His message, but He is the message.

He was the ultimate expression of God and of truth. He was God's message to mankind put into human flesh to communicate to us. He was a living demonstration in voice and deed communicating God's love and truth to us.

He is God's Word in every sense of the word.

Pr 30:5 says, "Every word of God [is] pure: he [is] a shield unto them that put their trust in him." Jesus was perfect, without sin, pure and holy.

Lu 4:4 says, "And Jesus answered him, saying, It is written, That man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word of God." Jesus was the bread of life. Jesus said in John 6:35, "I am the bread of life: he that cometh to me shall never hunger; and he that believeth on me shall never thirst."

First Chronicles 17:3 says, "And it came to pass the same night, that the word of God came to Nathan." And First Kings 12:22 says, "But the word of God came unto Shemaiah the man of God." Jesus said in John 12:46, "I am come a light into the world, that whosoever believeth on me should not abide in darkness." and in John 10:10, Jesus said, "I am come that they might have life, and that they might have [it] more abundantly." in Luke 19:10, Jesus said, "For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost."

Jesus is the Word of God, pure and blameless, He is life, and He came to give life.

Revelation 19:13 describes His triumphant return in the latter days, "And he [was] clothed with a vesture dipped in blood: and his name is called The Word of God."

The Word of God is the message of God

The word of God is the message of God. Sometimes the messenger brings His own message. Jesus did.

Jesus was the Word of God expressed in bodily form. He not only spoke, He demonstrated in life God's message to man. He helped the helpless, warned of impending doom, and showed what it meant to be in fellowship with His Father. Jesus was a living demonstration of God's message.

Being the Word of God was different than knowing the Word of God or knowing about the Word of God. He was not a word from God. He was The Word of God.

The Bible is the Word of God because it is His message. It is His words inspired by the Holy Spirit. Second Peter 1:21 says, "For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake [as they were] moved by the Holy Ghost."

Second Timothy 3:16 says, "All scripture [is] given by inspiration of God, and [is] profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness." This book is the Word of God because it is the message from God. Likewise, Jesus is the Word of God because He is the message from God. But He is so much more than words and talking. He is the message of God demonstrated in real life. And He is the fulfillment of the message. He is the one who makes the message possible. He is the reason for the message.

We share the Word of God. This means, we share the message of God. We are not Jesus, but we can teach and demonstrate the message of God. Jesus was the message. We are not. But we can let Jesus live through us that His message might be seen as well as heard.

Paul wrote in Galatians 2:20, "I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me."

What this statement implies and convicts us to do is to not only carry the Word of God and to listen to the Word of God; but we are commissioned to teach the Word of God and to demonstrate the Word of God by the way we live. Our philosophy, our values, our standards, our language, our choices, our activities, and our behavior should be a demonstration of the Word of God, which means to be a demonstration of Jesus living in us.

Is Jesus living in you? Is it evident? Can others see Jesus in you? Are you a living demonstration of God's message to the world?

And what should that message be in your life? A testimony of salvation from condemnation. A hope for eternal life in heaven. An abundant life in fellowship with Christ until He comes for us or calls us home. What message is coming from your life?

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