

## A DEVOTIONAL SERIES ON THE GOSPEL ABOUT JESUS CHRIST

### JESUS TAUGHT WITH AUTHORITY

Mark 1:21-22 “They went to Capernaum, and when the Sabbath came, Jesus went into the synagogue and began to teach. The people were amazed at his teaching, because He taught them as one who had authority.”

These daily devotions are all based on the word of God. Your pastor always preaches sermons based on the word of God. You read the Scriptures searching them because they are the word of God. Teachers, preachers and Bible class leaders have been leading people into the word of God since God spoke to His people through prophets.

The people who heard Jesus preach and teach were amazed. As today’s Bible verse say, “He taught them as one who had authority.” Indeed, Jesus’ teaching was different because He always proclaimed the Gospel whereas the teachers of the law appealed in their teaching to human interpretations of past rabbis and concentrated on developing, as was much as possible, as many legal regulations for the people to follow.

For you, Jesus is more than just a wise teacher. His word and the Bible’s presentation of His life and ministry is not to present to you a model to follow. The question is not, “What would Jesus do?” Rather, the question is, “What has Jesus done?” Jesus not only spoke the word of God but is the Word made flesh. In the Gospel according to John, it says, “The Word became flesh and made His dwelling among us. We have seen His glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.” The Word did not just appear to be human; the Word became flesh.” (John 1:14)

The purpose for the writing of the Gospel is to reveal Jesus Christ to you. “. . . these (the words of the Gospel) are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in His name.” (John 20:31 NASB) God Himself said it is critical for you to listen to the words of His Son, “This is my Son, whom I love; with Him I am well pleased. Listen to him!” (Matthew 17:5) This Gospel is God’s power for your salvation. (Romans 1:16)

Prayer: You, dear Jesus, preached and taught the Gospel for the salvation of those who hear You. To this day you continue to appoint pastors and teachers to preach and teach this same Gospel for the same purpose. Give me ears to hear and a faith to receive and believe its message. In Your holy name. Amen.

I heard the voice of Jesus say, "Come unto Me and rest;  
Lay down thou weary one, lay down Thy head upon my breast."  
I came to Jesus as I was, So weary, worn, and sad;  
I found in Him a resting place, And He has made me glad.

I heard the voice of Jesus say, "Behold, I freely give  
The living water; thirsty one, Stoop down and drink and live."  
I came to Jesus, and I drank Of that life-giving stream;  
My thirst was quenched, my soul revived, And now I live in Him.

I heard the voice of Jesus say, "I am this dark world's light.  
Look unto Me; thy morn shall rise And all thy day be bright."  
I looked to Jesus, and I found in Him my star, my sun;  
And in that light of life I'll walk Till trav'ling days are done.  
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