

Lesson #7 Jesus Brought God's Message

Opening Shot:

Jesus came to earth to be a living sacrifice for us. He also came to teach us. He brought God's message. When Jesus began His ministry He said the same thing that John the Baptist had been saying as he preached, "*Repent for the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand.*" Jesus taught us many things about the kingdom of Heaven and what it is like. He taught in parables to the crowds. Some understood and accepted Him, others didn't.

Introduction to Bible Truths: (Optional)

Matthew 4:12-17 *17 From that time on Jesus began to preach, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is near."*

John 8:12 *When Jesus spoke again to the people, he said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."*

Ask Me No Questions/I'll Tell You No Lies:

- 1.) Were Jesus' words His own or from God the Father?
- 2.) What's a parable? And why did Jesus speak to the people in them?
- 3.) Why did some understand the message and others not understand?

We've Got Questions/ God's Got Answers:

John 12:47-50 *"As for the person who hears my words but does not keep them, I do not judge him. For I did not come to judge the world, but to save it. There is a judge for the one who rejects me and does not accept my words; that very word which I spoke will condemn him at the last day. For I did not speak of my own accord, but the Father who sent me commanded me what to say and how to say it. I know that his command leads to eternal life. So whatever I say is just what the Father has told me to say."*

Matthew 13:10-13 *The disciples came to him and asked, "Why do you speak to the people in parables?" He replied, "The knowledge of the secrets of the kingdom of heaven has been given to you, but not to them. Whoever has will be given more, and he will have an abundance. Whoever does not have, even what he has will be taken from him. This is why I speak to them in parables: "Though seeing, they do not see; though hearing, they do not hear or understand. In them is fulfilled the prophecy of Isaiah... [See Isaiah 6:9-10]*

John 10:25-30 *Jesus answered, 'I did tell you, but you do not believe. The miracles I do in my Father's name speak for me, but you do not believe because you are not my sheep. My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one can snatch them out of my hand. My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all; no one can snatch them out of my Father's hand. I and the Father are one.'*

Parting Shot:

When Jesus came into the world, He came with God's message. He delivered that message. Those whose hearts were open to hearing His words accepted His message and those whose hearts were calloused, did not accept it. We are offered the same opportunity. We must humble ourselves to listen to His words and to accept them, for they are the words God told Him to say to us. They are to be our light in the darkness. They lead us to eternal life.

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