

Behold the Man “The Teacher of Truth”

Text: Matthew 7:24-29

Jesus and His Message:

Jesus doesn't merely teach the truth; He is the truth, and His Word is the only foundation that endures (Is. 40:8).

These sayings of mine relate to the Sermon on the Mount (Matt. 5-7).

- It is the longest block of Jesus' teachings in the New Testament.
- In this sermon, Jesus teaches the core principles of Christian discipleship, including purity, humility, love for one's enemies, and a radical rejection of religious hypocrisy.

Here is a breakdown of the key elements of Jesus' Sermon on the Mount.

- The Beatitudes (Matt. 5:3-12).
- Believers are salt and light (Matt. 5:13-16).
- Christ Fulfills the Law (Matt. 5:17-48).
- Private Devotion, The Model Prayer, Fasting, Finances, and Worry (Matt. 6).
- The Golden Rule, Prayer, The Narrow Way, The Fruit of our Lives, I Never Knew You, and The Wise and Foolish Builders (Matt. 7).

The truth Jesus taught was in obedience to His Father (John 12:49).

- Jesus did right because He *saw right*, and He spoke right because He *heard right* (John 5:19, 30, 38).
- Jesus proclaimed the gospel of God's kingdom with authority, wisdom, and power, urging people to repent and believe, a call that would ultimately lead to radical transformation (Mark 1:14-15).

Jesus the Truth and the Rock:

Parable – a brief, straightforward, and relatable story that illustrates a profound moral, ethical, or spiritual lesson.

- Jesus often spoke in parables to communicate essential truths about the Kingdom of God (Matt. 13:10-17).

The purpose of Christ's teachings was transformation, not simply information (2 Tim. 3:16-17).

- The trials of life will reveal the foundation we have built upon.

1. Listen to the words of Christ.

- Listening is foundational because we cannot be doers of what we haven't first heard.
- What does this look like in practice?
 - ✓ Read your Bible daily (use a devotional plan) (Matt. 4:4).
 - ✓ Being in Church and taking advantage of our online content (Ps. 27:4).
- We should approach the Word of God with hunger, humility, and discipline (Acts 17:11; 2 Tim. 2:15).

2. Apply the words of Christ to your life.

- Decide to live by Christ's teachings.
- Never let life's pressures, friends, family, or cultural influences divert you from your commitment to live by the Word of God.
- Ensure that your personal life is as pure as your doctrine (**1 Tim. 4:16**).

Call to Action:

1. Listen to the voice of Jesus.
2. Obey His Words.
3. Build your life on His Word.