



## Basic Bible Course

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### What JESUS Taught by WORD and DEED (PART ONE)



### Lesson Nine

**INTRODUCTION:** In our previous lessons concerning the PERSON of JESUS CHRIST, we have considered His NATURE, PRE-EXISTENCE, ETERNAL PURPOSE, FIRST COMING and EVIDENCES OF HIS DIVINITY. Naturally, in such an intensive study we have had to consider SOME of the things He Himself SAID and DID already. It shall not be the object of this lesson, therefore, to cover the material already developed in this course. Rather our present purpose is to discover, especially, the KIND OF PERSONS JESUS TAUGHT HIS DISCIPLES TO BE—by WORD as well as by the EXAMPLE of His DEEDS. In this way we should be able to decide whether we want to be His disciples or not.

#### I. PRINCIPLES LEARNED FROM JESUS' CHILDHOOD.

- A. His visit to the temple at age 12 (Luke 2:41-50).
  - 1. Prior to His visit, as He grew, He “waxed STRONG IN SPIRIT, [was] FILLED WITH WISDOM; and the GRACE OF GOD was upon him” (verse 40).
  - 2. The fact that he “tarried behind in Jerusalem” upon His parents’ return, demonstrates His ABSORBING INTEREST IN RELIGIOUS THINGS (verse 43).
  - 3. When, after three days, His parents found Him, He was “in the temple, sitting in the midst of the doctors, both hearing them and asking questions” (verse 46). This demonstrated that He
    - a. Was a GOOD LISTENER
    - b. Had an INQUIRING MIND.
  - 4. All that heard Him were astonished at
    - a. His UNDERSTANDING (showing INTELLIGENCE)
    - b. His ANSWERS (showing KNOWLEDGE) (verse 47).
  - 5. When His mother questioned Him about remaining behind, He demonstrated He already had FEELINGS OF *RESPONSIBILITY TOWARD GOD*, saying, “How is it that ye sought me? wist ye not that I MUST BE ABOUT MY FATHER’S BUSINESS?” (verse 49).
- B. Nevertheless, He also recognized His RESPONSIBILITY TO HIS EARTHLY PARENTS (verse 51).
  - 1. He returned with them to Nazareth.
  - 2. He was “SUBJECT” unto them (i.e., He OBEYED them).
- C. “And Jesus increased
  - 1. “in WISDOM (mentally)
  - 2. “and STATURE (physically)
  - 3. “and in FAVOUR WITH GOD (spiritually)
  - 4. “and MAN” (socially).

*NOTE: The foregoing information from Luke is all that is recorded in the Bible of Jesus’ childhood between His parents’ first taking Him to Nazareth from Egypt and the time He grew to be 30 years old.*

## II. PRINCIPLES LEARNED FROM JESUS' EARLY MINISTRY.

- A. Though sinless, Jesus INSISTED on being baptized ANYWAY (Matthew 3:13-15; Mark 1:9; Luke 3:21).
1. REASON: "For thus it BECOMETH US TO FULFILL ALL RIGHTEOUSNESS."
  2. After His baptism, Jesus PRAYED (Luke 3:21).
  3. All this evidently was pleasing unto God (Matthew 3:16-17; Mark 1:10-11; Luke 3:21-22).
- B. Jesus used GOD'S WORD to RESIST and OVERCOME TEMPTATION (Matthew 4:1-11), saying, "IT IS WRITTEN."
1. Man shall LIVE BY GOD'S WORD (verse 4).
  2. Man shall NOT TEMPT GOD (verse 7).
  3. Man shall WORSHIP AND SERVE GOD ONLY (verse 10).
- NOTE: Also study Mark 1:12-13 and Luke 4:1-13.**
- C. Jesus SATISFIED CURIOSITY, THREW DOWN A CHALLENGE and EXTENDED HOSPITALITY.
1. When two of John's disciples heard Him acknowledge Jesus as the "Lamb of God," they followed Jesus (John 1:35-37).
  2. When Jesus saw them following, He asked what they wanted (verse 38).
    - a. They asked where He lived (verse 38).
    - b. He said, "Come and see" (verse 39).
- D. In calling various ones to be His disciples, Jesus said, "FOLLOW ME," thus teaching by the POWER OF HIS OWN EXAMPLE.
1. He told Philip, "FOLLOW ME" (John 1:43).
  2. He called Matthew, saying, "FOLLOW ME" (Matthew 9:9; Mark 2:13-14; Luke 5:27-28).
  3. One disciple said, "Lord, suffer me first to go and bury my father" (Matthew 8:21).
    - a. "But Jesus said unto him, "FOLLOW ME; and let the dead bury their dead" (verse 22).
  4. To the rich young ruler, who asked, "What lack I yet?" Jesus said, "If thou wilt be perfect, go *and* sell that thou hast, and give to the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven: and come *and* FOLLOW ME" (Matthew 19:20-21; Mark 10:21; Luke 18:22).
  5. To FOLLOW CHRIST means SELF-DENIAL and SACRIFICE (Matthew 16:24; Mark 8:34; Luke 9:23).
  6. "And he that taketh not his cross, and FOLLOWETH after me, is not worthy of me" (Matthew 10:38).
  7. "Then answered Peter and said unto him, Behold, we have forsaken all, and FOLLOWED THEE; what shall we have therefore? And Jesus said unto them, Verily I say unto you, That ye which have FOLLOWED ME, in the regeneration when the Son of man shall sit in the throne of his glory, ye also shall sit upon twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. And every one that hath forsaken houses, or brethren, or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, or children, or lands, for my name's sake, shall receive an hundredfold, and shall inherit everlasting life" (Matthew 19:27-29; Mark 10:23-25; Luke 22:28-30).
- E. Jesus paid well deserved COMPLIMENTS where appropriate:
1. Of NATHANIEL: "Behold an Israelite indeed, in whom is no guile" (John 1:47).
  2. Of the CENTURION: "I have not found so great a faith, no not in Israel" (Matthew 8:5-8, 10, 13; Luke 7:1-30).

- F. Jesus' INDUSTRIOUSNESS should stimulate followers to greater ZEAL. Even a *partial* listing of His preaching and healing journeys is impressive:
1. "Now when Jesus had heard that John was cast into prison, he DEPARTED INTO GALILEE; And LEAVING NAZARETH, he CAME AND DWELT IN CAPERNAUM" (Matthew 4:12-13).
  2. "And Jesus, WALKING BY THE SEA OF GALILEE" (Matthew 4:18).
  3. "And Jesus WENT ABOUT ALL GALILEE, TEACHING in their synagogues, and PREACHING the gospel of the kingdom, and HEALING all manner of sickness and all manner of disease among the people" (verse 23).
  4. "When he was COME DOWN FROM THE MOUNTAIN, great multitudes followed him" (Matthew 8:1).
  5. "And when Jesus was ENTERED INTO CAPERNAUM" (Matthew 8:5).
  6. "And when Jesus WAS COME INTO PETER'S HOUSE" (Matthew 8:14).
  7. "Now when Jesus saw great multitudes about him, he gave commandment to DEPART UNTO THE OTHER SIDE...And when he was entered into a ship, his disciples followed him...And when he was COME TO THE OTHER SIDE into the country of the Gergesenes" (Matthew 8:18, 23, 28).
  8. "And as Jesus PASSED FROTH FROM THENCE" (Matthew 9:9).
  9. "While he spake these things unto them, behold, there came a certain ruler, and worshipped him, saying, My daughter is even now dead: but come and lay thy hand upon her, and she shall live. And JESUS AROSE, AND FOLLOWED HIM, and *so did* his disciples.... And when Jesus CAME INTO THE RULER'S HOUSE" (Matthew 9:18-19, 23).
  10. "And Jesus WENT ABOUT ALL THE CITIES AND VILLAGES, TEACHING in their synagogues, and PREACHING the gospel of the kingdom, and HEALING every sickness and every disease among the people" (Matthew 9:35).
  11. "And it came to pass, when Jesus had made an end of commanding his twelve disciples, he DEPARTED THENCE TO TEACH AND TO PREACH IN THEIR CITIES" (Matthew 11:1).
- NOTE: And so the record of His ministry goes—on and on—showing that HE DID NOT WAIT FOR THE PEOPLE TO COME TO HIM, but He CARRIED HIS CAMPAIGN OF GOOD WORKS AGGRESSIVELY TO THE PEOPLE.**
- G. Jesus set Himself AGAINST *COMMERCIALIZING* RELIGION.
1. He went up to Jerusalem to observe the Jews' passover (John 2:13).
  2. There He "found in the temple those that sold oxen and sheep and doves, and the changers of money sitting" (verse 14).
    - a. He DROVE THE TEMPLE MERCHANTS, MONEY CHANGERS, SHEEP and OXEN OUT OF THE TEMPLE (verse 15).
    - b. He Poured OUT THE CHANGERS' MONEY (verse 15).
    - c. He OVERTHREW THE TABLES (verse 15).
    - d. He said to the dove-sellers, "Take these things hence; make not my Father's house an house of merchandise" (verse 16).
- H. Jesus taught we must be "BORN AGAIN," not fleshly but SPIRITUALLY (John 3).
1. "Except a man be BORN AGAIN, he cannot see the kingdom of God" (verse 3).
  2. "Except a man be BORN OF WATER AND OF THE SPIRIT, he CANNOT ENTER INTO THE KINGDOM OF GOD" (verse 5).
  3. When Nicodemus questioned, "How can these things be?" Jesus
    - a. *Answered his question with a question:* "Art thou a master of Israel, and knoweth not these things?" (verse 10).

- b. *Reproved him gently*: “We speak that we do know, and testify that we have seen; and ye receive not our witness” (verse 11). “If I have told you earthly things, and ye believe not, how shall ye believe, if I tell you of heavenly things?” (verse 12).
- I. BELIEVERS IN CHRIST NOT TO PERISH, but HAVE ETERNAL LIFE (verses 15-18).
  - 1. God gave His only begotten Son (Jesus).
    - a. Because He loved the world (verse 16).
    - b. Not to condemn the world (verse 17).
    - c. But that the world through Him might be saved (verse 17).
- J. If people are condemned, they should not, therefore, blame Jesus, but themselves (John 3:18-21).
  - 1. He that BELIEVES ON CHRIST is NOT CONDEMNED (verse 18).
  - 2. But he that does NOT believe IS CONDEMNED, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God (verse 18).
  - 3. This is the condemnation:
    - a. That light is come into the world (verse 19); but that
    - b. Men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil (verse 19).
  - 4. Evil-doers:
    - a. Hate the light (verse 20).
    - b. Do not come to the light, lest their deeds be reproved (verse 20).
  - 5. Truth-doer:
    - a. Comes to the light that his deeds might be made manifest that they are wrought in God (verse 21).
- K. Jesus BAPTIZED (John 3:22).
  - 1. John’s disciples reported Jesus’ baptizing to John (verse 26).
  - 2. John rejoiced concerning this (verse 27-36).
  - 3. Jesus made and baptized more disciples than John (John 4:1).
  - 4. Jesus let His disciples do the actual baptizing (verse 2).
- L. Jesus RESTED WHEN TIRED (John 4:4-5). However He took even this occasion to teach a woman of Samaria (verses 7-27).
  - 1. This woman came to Jacob’s well to draw water (verse 7).
  - 2. Jesus, who was sitting on the well, asked, “Give me to drink” (verses 6-7).
  - 3. Since Jewish people had no dealings with Samaritans, she asked Him why He asked her for a drink (verse 9).
  - 4. He said if she knew who He was she would ask of Him and He would give her “LIVING WATER” (verse 10).
    - a. Whoever drank of Jacob’s well water would thirst again (verse 13).
    - b. “But whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him,” Jesus said, “shall NEVER THIRST” (verse 14).
    - c. “But the water that I shall give him shall be in him a WELL OF WATER SPRING-ING UP INTO EVERLASTING LIFE” (verse 14).
  - 5. Jesus informed this woman that “SALVATION is OF THE JEWS” (verse 22).
  - 6. TRUE WORSHIPPERS WORSHIP GOD “IN SPIRIT and IN TRUTH” (verses 23-24).
  - 7. Jesus revealed that He is “that MESSIAS...which is called CHRIST,” who when He came, would “TELL...ALL THINGS” (verses 25-26).
- M. Jesus told His disciples of a special kind of “MEAT” (verses 31-34).
  - 1. “I have meat to eat,” He said, “that ye know not of.”
  - 2. “My meat is to DO THE WILL OF HIM THAT SENT ME and FINISH HIS WORK.”
- N. On SOWING and REAPING (verses 35-38).
  - 1. “Say not ye, There are yet four months, and then cometh harvest.”

2. “LIFT UP YOUR EYES and LOOK ON THE FIELDS, for they are WHITE ALREADY TO HARVEST.”
  3. REAP, RECEIVE WAGES, GATHER FRUIT UNTO LIFE ETERNAL.
  4. SOWERS and REAPERS REJOICE TOGETHER.
    - a. One sows
    - b. Another reaps
    - c. When one reaps where another sowed, he “enters into” his labors.
- O. Jesus represented Himself as FULFILLING SCRIPTURE (Luke 4:16-21).
1. He came to Nazareth, where He had been brought up (verse 16).
  2. As His custom was, He went into the synagogue on the sabbath day, and stood up to read (verse 16).
    - a. There was delivered unto Him the book of the prophet Esaias.
    - b. “And when he had opened the book, he found the place where it was written, THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD IS UPON ME, BECAUSE HE HATH ANOINTED ME TO PREACH THE GOSPEL TO THE POOR; HE HATH SENT ME TO HEAL THE BROKENHEARTED, TO PREACH DELIVERANCE TO THE CAPTIVES, AND RECOVERING OF SIGHT TO THE BLIND, TO SET AT LIBERTY THEM THAT ARE BRUISED, TO PREACH THE ACCEPTABLE YEAR OF THE LORD” (verses 17-19).
    3. He closed the book, gave it again to the minister, and sat down (verse 20).
      - a. The eyes of all that were in the synagogue were fastened on Him (verse 20).
      - b. He said, “THIS DAY IS THIS SCRIPTURE FULFILLED IN YOUR EARS” (verse 21).
      - c. He then taught, “NO PROPHET IS ACCEPTED IN HIS OWN COUNTRY” (verse 24—Also see John 4:44).
- P. Jesus intended His disciples be “FISHERS OF MEN.”
1. In evidence of this, He called Simon and Andrew—(Matthew 4:18-20; Mark 1:16-18).
    - a. They were fishers.
    - b. Jesus said, “Come ye after me, and I will make you to become FISHERS OF MEN.”
    - c. They forsook their nets and followed Him.
- Q. Jesus began preaching that “THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN” was AT HAND (Matthew 4:17).
1. In view of this He taught the people to “REPENT” (verse 17).
  2. Also to “BELIEVE THE GOSPEL” (Mark 1:14-15).
- R. Jesus’ WORD was WITH POWER (Luke 4:32; Mark 1:22).
1. Therefore the people were astonished at His DOCTRINE.
    - a. All said, “What a word is this! for with AUTHORITY and POWER he COMMANDED the unclean spirits, and they come out” (Mark 1:27; Luke 4:36).
- S. JESUS REFUSED JUST TO STAY IN ONE PLACE (Luke 4:42-43).
1. The people tried to stay Him.
  2. But He said, “I must PREACH the KINGDOM OF GOD to OTHER CITIES ALSO; for THEREFORE AM I SENT” (See also Mark 1:38).
  3. So He went about all Galilee (Matthew 4:22-24; Mark 1:39; Luke 4:44).
    - a. TEACHING in their synagogues
    - b. PREACHING the gospel of the kingdom
    - c. HEALING all manner of sickness and disease.
- T. As a rule, when He DID GOOD to someone, He INSTRUCTED that one NOT TO TELL IT!
1. For instance, take the healing of the leper (Matthew 8:1-4; Mark 1:40-44; Luke 5:12-14).
    - a. Jesus healed him, saying, as He touched him, “I will; be thou clean.”

- b. Then He told him not to tell anyone else, but to
- c. Go show himself to the priest and
- d. Offer for his cleansing as Moses commanded (the Old Testament being still of force during Jesus' lifetime before His crucifixion).

**NOTE: This COULD have been the self-effacement of HUMILITY, or it MIGHT ALSO have been JESUS' INSIGHT INTO HUMAN NATURE. For if you want something TOLD, just tell someone NOT to tell it! Rather than showing himself to the priest, this healed leper told so many about his healing that Jesus could no more openly enter the city because of the crowds (Mark 1:45; Luke 5:15). He stayed in desert places, and yet people came to Him from every quarter.**

- U. Jesus reproved EVIL-THINKING IN HEART (Matthew 9:4; Mark 2:8; Luke 5:22).
- V. He demonstrated He had POWER TO FORGIVE SINS (Matthew 9:4-6; Mark 2:8-11; Luke 5:22-24).
- W. Rather than GLORY-SEEKING, Jesus practiced SELF-EFFACEMENT. For example:
  - 1. Jesus healed an impotent man. (John 5:2-9).
  - 2. Rather than standing around to be applauded, Jesus conveyed Himself away after this miracle (verse 13).
  - 3. Later He sought the man out in the temple, saying, "Behold, thou art made whole: SIN NO MORE, lest a worse thing come unto thee" (verse 14).
- X. Jesus DIGNIFIED WORK.
  - 1. "MY FATHER WORKETH hitherto, and I WORK," He said (verse 17).
- Y. The Jews sought the more to kill Jesus because HE MADE HIMSELF EQUAL WITH GOD (verse 18). Jesus answered—
  - 1. "The SON can do nothing of himself, but what he seeth the FATHER do: for what things soever he doeth, these also doeth the SON likewise" (verse 19).
  - 2. "The FATHER loveth the Son, and SHEWETH HIM ALL THINGS THAT HIMSELF DOETH" (verse 20).
  - 3. "He will shew him greater works than these, that ye may marvel" (verse 20).
  - 4. "As the FATHER raiseth up the dead, and quickeneth *them*; even so the SON quickeneth whom he will" (verse 21).
  - 5. "The FATHER judgeth no man, but HATH COMMITTED ALL JUDGMENT UNTO THE SON: That ALL *MEN* SHOULD HONOUR THE SON, EVEN AS THEY HONOUR THE FATHER" (verses 22-23).
  - 6. "HE THAT HONoureth NOT THE SON HONoureth NOT THE FATHER which hath sent him" (verse 23).
  - 7. "He that HEARETH my word, and BELIEVETH ON HIM THAT SENT ME, HATH EVERLASTING LIFE, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life" (verse 24).
  - 8. "The hour is coming, and now is, when the DEAD SHALL HEAR THE VOICE OF THE SON OF GOD: AND THEY THAT HEAR SHALL LIVE" (verse 25).
  - 9. "As the FATHER HATH LIFE IN HIMSELF; so hath he given to the Son to HAVE LIFE IN HIMSELF" (verse 26).
  - 10. "And hath given him AUTHORITY to execute judgment also, because he is the Son of man" (verse 27).
  - 11. "Marvel not at this: for the hour is coming, in the which ALL THAT ARE IN THE GRAVES SHALL HEAR HIS VOICE, AND SHALL COME FORTH; they that have DONE GOOD, unto the RESURRECTION OF LIFE; and they that have DONE EVIL, unto the RESURRECTION OF DAMNATION" (verses 28-29).

12. “I can of mine own self do nothing” (verse 30).
13. “As I HEAR, I JUDGE” (verse 30).
14. “MY JUDGMENT IS JUST; BECAUSE I SEEK NOT MINE OWN WILL, but the WILL OF THE FATHER which hath sent me” (verse 30).
15. “If I bear witness of myself, my witness is not true” (verse 31).
16. “There is ANOTHER that BEARETH WITNESS OF ME; and I know that the witness which he witnesseth of me is true” (verse 32).
17. “YE sent unto John, and he bare witness unto the truth” (verse 33).
18. “I RECEIVE NOT TESTIMONY FROM MAN: but these things I say, that ye might be saved” (verse 34).
19. “He [John] was a burning and shining light” (verse 35).
20. “Ye were willing for a season to rejoice in his light” (verse 35).
21. “I HAVE GREATER WITNESS THAN *THAT* OF JOHN: FOR THE WORKS WHICH THE FATHER HATH GIVEN ME TO FINISH, the SAME WORKS THAT I DO, BEAR WITNESS OF ME, THAT THE FATHER HATH SENT ME” (verse 36).
22. “The FATHER HIMSELF, which hath sent me, HATH BORNE WITNESS OF ME.”
  - a. “Ye have neither heard his voice at any time, nor seen his shape” (verse 37).
  - b. “Ye have not his word abiding in you: for WHOM HE HATH SENT, him ye believe not” (verse 38).
23. “SEARCH THE SCRIPTURES; for in them ye think ye have eternal life” (verse 39).
  - a. “They are they which TESTIFY OF ME” (verse 39).
24. “Ye will not COME TO ME, THAT YE MIGHT HAVE LIFE” (verse 40).
25. “I RECEIVE NOT HONOR FROM MEN” (verse 41).
26. “I know you, that ye have not the LOVE OF GOD in you” (verse 42).
27. “I AM COME IN MY FATHER’S NAME, and ye receive me not” (verse 43).
28. “If another shall come in his own name, him ye will receive” (verse 43).
29. “HOW CAN YE BELIEVE, which RECEIVE HONOUR ONE OF ANOTHER, and SEEK NOT THE HONOUR THAT *COMETH* FROM GOD ONLY?” (verse 44).
30. “Do not think that I will accuse you to the Father: there is *one* that accuseth you, *even* MOSES, in whom ye trust” (verse 45).
  - a. “Had ye BELIEVED MOSES, ye would have BELIEVED ME: for he WROTE OF ME” (verse 46).
  - b. “If ye believe not HIS WRITINGS, how shall ye believe MY WORDS?” (verse 47).

**NOTE: At this point we have reached roughly the half-way mark in Jesus’ earthly ministry. So as not to make our study of what He taught unduly cumbersome, let us break it into two “parts,” as we did our study of the “law” and “evidences of Jesus’ divinity.” In our NEXT lesson, we shall consider what Jesus taught in His LATER MINISTRY. But for now, let us turn to the QUESTIONS ON THE LESSON and see what answers we can develop. Remember now, UNLESS YOU LOOK UP THE SCRIPTURE QUOTATIONS cited in each point. A PERFECT SCORE IS PRACTICALLY IMPOSSIBLE. So ANSWER THESE QUESTIONS with your BIBLE OPEN!**