

## THE MASTER TEACHER -- JESUS CHRIST

"We know that Thou art a teacher come from God" John 3:2.

Jesus Christ began His public ministry with the preaching of the gospel, but as soon as He had gathered some followers He proceeded from preaching to teaching. He was emphatically and primarily a teacher. The major part of His ministry was devoted to teaching. His disciples and contemporaries most frequently called Him "Teacher".

One cannot read the Gospels and fail to recognize the prominent place given to the teaching ministry of Jesus. "And Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues." Matthew 4:23. "And He opened His mouth and taught them, saying" Matthew 5:2. "For He taught them as One having authority, and not as the scribes" Matthew 9:35. "We know that Thou art a teacher come from God" John 3:2. At least thirty-five times in the Gospels reference is made to the teaching work of Jesus.

Jesus Christ was the world's greatest teacher. He was always teaching people something. He taught by His words, His manner of life, His deeds, and His sacrificial death. It is hoped that our study of the Master Teacher will be interesting, instructive and inspiring. Let us consider:--

### I. The Qualifications of the Master Teacher.

1. He was a child of God. Mark 9:7.
2. He was commissioned by God the Father. John 3:2 and 20:21.
3. He had a world-view.
4. He knew His subject-matter.
5. He knew His pupils.
6. He loved His pupils.
7. He knew how to teach His pupils.
8. He was approachable.
9. He lived what He taught.
10. He was worthy of imitations.

### II. The Procedure of the Master Teacher.

1. A careful preparation.
2. A tactful approach.
3. A securing of attention.
4. An awakening of interest.
5. A simplicity of expression.
6. An asking, and encouraging others to ask questions.
7. A use of illustrations.
8. A practicing of what He taught.

### III. The Instructions of the Master Teacher.

1. They were simple.
2. They were scriptural.
3. They were interesting. Mark 12:37.
4. They were positive.
5. They were authoritative.
6. They were altruistic.
7. They were helpful.

### IV. The Success of the Master Teacher.

1. He was eminently qualified to teach.

2. He had a charming personality.
3. He had the right message.
4. He used the best methods.

- (1) He adapted Himself to the situation.
- (2) He secured the attention of His audience.
- (3) He awakened the interest of His listeners.
- (4) He taught one thing at a time.
- (5) He made His teaching very plain.
- (6) He provoked and guided thought.
- (7) He made use of life situations.
- (8) He was always practical.
- (9) He spoke with a note of authority.
- (10) He sometimes used the problem method.
- (11) He often used the question and answer method.
- (12) He lived His lessons.

If anyone would be effective as a teacher, he must teach by what he does as well as by what he says.

What your pupils will expect of you?

1. A good example.  
Nothing has less force than to teach one thing and live another.
2. A personal interest in pupils.
3. A thorough preparation.
4. Friendliness.
5. Punctuality and regularity.
6. Faithfulness to church services.