

Introduction:

Today we will finish looking at, *the teachings of Christ*.

Things we will look at in this lesson:

Part One: Christ's Goal in Teaching

Part Two: Christ's Major Teaching Themes

Part One: Christ's Goal in Teaching:

01. What was Christ's teaching ministry related to?

02. What did Christ intend to show with his works and his words?

Article 1)

Christ Our Kinsman Redeemer:

1. He was willing, having come to do the Father's will.
(Hebrews 10:5-9)
2. He was able to pay the price—make the ultimate sacrifice to satisfy the righteousness of God and atone for the sins of humankind.
(Isaiah 53:1-12; Hebrews 10:14; Hebrews 12:9-14; 28-29)
3. He was near kin through the Incarnation, having taken on human form in order to redeem us.
(Hebrews 2:14-18)

03. Where do we see the people's indifference to Christ?

04. When the people rejected his words and works, where did Christ shift his focus?

05. What did Christ's character, sinless life, words, and works demonstrate?

06. What did Christ give indisputable evidence of?

07. What did few recognize at the time?

Part Two: Christ's Major Teaching Themes:

Note)

Here we will focus on the following major themes:

- (1) Christ's view of the Scriptures
- (2) The Trinity
- (3) The person of Christ
- (4) Salvation
- (5) Angels
- (6) Humanity
- (7) The Holy Spirit
- (8) The church
- (9) Future things

08. What was Christ referring to when he mentioned Scripture?

Article 2)

Christ and the Old Testament:

- (1) When He referred to Old Testament events and characters, He regarded them as real.
 - a. He compared Jonah's time in the belly of a huge fish to the time He would spend in the heart of the earth.
(Matthew 12:40)
 - b. He compared conditions that existed in the days of Noah, Sodom, and Lot to those that will exist when He is revealed.
(Luke 17:26 ;29; 32)
- (2) He regarded Old Testament prophecy as authoritative and quoted many of the prophecies that referred directly to His mission.
 - a. The fulfillment of His ministry.
(Luke 24:44)
 - b. Opposition to His ministry.
(Mark 7:6–7)
 - c. His rejection and resulting triumph.
(Mark 12:10–11; Luke 20:17–18)
 - d. John the Baptist's ministry.
(Matthew 11:10)

09. *Why can't we grasp the nature of God's being?*

10. *How could we best describe Christ's teaching on salvation?*

11. *What do Christ's teachings on humankind show about their nature?*

12. *What is the essential truth Christ revealed about the Holy Spirit?*

13. *What is the foundation of the church?*

Article 3)

Christ's Teaching on Future Things:

In His teaching, Christ links future events with His coming in glory.

(1) His second coming is the focus of the future; naturally He mentions it often in His teaching (Matthew 16:27–28; Mark 14:62; Luke 12:40).

- a. At that time, He will resurrect the dead (Matthew 22:23–33).
- b. He will judge all people, rewarding those who have done wickedly and those who have done well according to their actions (John 5:28–29; Matthew 25:31–34).
- c. The rewards for those who have done well appear to be based on faithfulness in their service to God rather than the amount they have done (Matthew 20:1–16; Luke 14:14).
- d. Those who have rejected Christ will go into everlasting punishment regardless of the supposed good deeds they have done (Matthew 7:22–23; 12:36; Mark 9:43–48; Luke 10:14).

(2) While Christ makes clear the facts of His second coming, the resurrection, and judgment, He does not specify the order in which the events in the Olivet Discourse will occur (Matthew 24–25; Mark 13; Luke 21).

- a. The discourse indicates that other events will attend Christ's coming, including a time of tribulation on earth, judgment, and the establishment of Christ's kingdom.
- b. On the basis of other New Testament teaching, it appears Christ will return to catch away the church before tribulation comes on the earth.
- c. Then, following the tribulation, Christ will establish His kingdom.

The information on the tribulation and kingdom is too limited to make absolute predictions about the order of future events.

Personal notes & questions:

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