

# JESUS AND THE WORD

## **Jesus was the Word.**

*John 1:1 (niv) In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.*

- The Word tabernacled / dwelt among us.

*John 1:14 (amp) And the Word (Christ) became flesh (human, incarnate) and tabernacled (fixed His tent of flesh, lived awhile) among us; and we [actually] saw His glory (His honor, His majesty), such glory as an only begotten son receives from his father, full of grace (favor, loving-kindness) and truth.*

## **Jesus spoke the words the Father gave to Him say.**

*John 14:24-26 (nlt) Anyone who doesn't love me will not obey me. And remember, my words are not my own. What I am telling you is from the Father who sent me. 25: I am telling you these things now while I am still with you. 26: When the Father sends the Advocate as my representative - that is, the Holy Spirit - He will teach you everything and will remind you of everything I have told you.*

## **Jesus' personal recommendation regarding the Word of God for our lives.**

- The Word of God is our bread.
- We are to live by feeding on the Word of God.
- The Word gives us nourishment and strength.

*Matthew 4:4 (amp) He replied, it has been written, Man shall not live and be upheld and sustained by bread alone, but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.*

## **Jesus KNEW the Scriptures.**

- He constantly pointed people to the Word of God as a sure foundation for building a good life, a marriage and establishing right living.

## **Jesus' USE of the Word.**

- He used the Scriptures as a source of comfort, encouragement and direction when giving council and advice to people who were facing challenges and troubling situations.
- Jesus intertwined the Scriptures into parables to teach the people poignant lessons.
- Jesus' ability to teach the Word so people could understand it came from His familiarity with the Scriptures - from a heart that had been touched and affected by the Word itself.

*Matthew 7:28-29 (niv) When Jesus had finished saying these things, the crowds were amazed at his teaching, 29: because he taught as one who had authority, and not as their teachers of the law.*

*Luke 4:36 (niv) All the people were amazed and said to each other, "What is this teaching? With authority and power He gives orders to evil spirits and they come out!"*

## **Jesus was very familiar with what the Scriptures said about Himself.**

- He knew who He was and His purpose and mission on earth - for the benefit of mankind.

## **We also need to know what God's Word says about us - our identity in Christ.**

- To know our mission/purpose for which we are saved (to serve) and to serve others.

*Luke 24:25-27 (niv) He said to them, "How foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! 26: Did not the Christ have to suffer these things and then enter his glory?" 27: And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning himself.*

## **The words Jesus spoke were not His own. They came directly from His heavenly Father.**

*John 12:48-50 (amp) Anyone who rejects Me and persistently sets Me at naught, refusing to accept My teachings, has his judge [however]; for the [very] message that I have spoken will itself judge and convict him at the last day. 49: This is because I have never spoken on My own authority or of My own accord or as self-appointed, but the Father Who sent Me has Himself given Me orders [concerning] what to say and what to tell. 50: And I know that His commandment is (means) eternal life. So whatever*

*I speak, I am saying [exactly] what My Father has told Me to say and in accordance with His instructions.*

**I will put My words in His mouth.**

*Deuteronomy 18:18-19 I will raise up for them a Prophet from among their brethren like you, and will put My words in his mouth; and he shall speak to them all that I command him. 19: And whoever will not hearken to My words which he shall speak in My name, I Myself will require it of him.*

**Believers have been given God's Word and are accountable as to how they respond to that Word.**

*John 17:6 (nkjv) "I have manifested Your name to the men whom You have given Me out of the world. They were Yours, You gave them to Me, and they have kept Your word.*

*John 17:14 (nkjv) I have given them Your word; and the world has hated them because they are not of the world, just as I am not of the world.*

**Jesus' relationship to the believer is through His Word.**

*John 15:7 (nkjv) If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you.*

*(phillips) But if you live your life in me, and my words live in your hearts, you can ask for whatever you like and it*

*will come true for you. This is how my Father will be glorified - in your becoming fruitful and being my disciples.*

**A true disciple is one who continues to follow and obey the teaching of Jesus.**

*John 8:31 (amp) So Jesus said to those Jews who had believed in Him, If you abide in My word [hold fast to My teachings and live in accordance with them], you are truly My disciples.*

**The Word of God has the ability to inflame our hearts with emotive feelings of wellbeing, enthusiasm, passion and purpose.**

*Luke 24:32 (kjb) And they said one to another, Did not our heart burn within us, while he talked with us by the way, and while he opened to us the scriptures?*

- This same kind of relationship to the Word is something that we also need to consider embracing for our own lives.
- Where the Word of God is our default position we resort to for guidance, comfort and inspiration for our lives.
- Also, in our efforts to help / counseling people through their struggles and difficulties etc.

**The Word is rendered powerless because of our traditions.**

**Mark 7:13** (niv) *Thus you nullify the word of God by your tradition that you have handed down. And you do many things like that.*

**Hearing His word comes from an attitude of willingness to learn.**

**John 8:43** (nkjv) *Why do you not understand My speech? Because you are not able to listen to My word.*

**Our future status is to be determined by Jesus' words and teachings.**

**John 12:48** (darby) *He that rejects me and does not receive my words, has him who judges him: the word which I have spoken, that shall judge him in the last day.*

- Jesus handled the hate that people had for Him by the consolation of the Word that had been written about Him - *"the prophetic word."*
- He referred His current situation of people hating Him, with what was previously written about Him in the Word - written in the law
- He faced life's challenges and dealt with them by what God had previously written about Him.
- This reveals Jesus' relationship to the Word and the Word to Jesus.
- He was connected to the Word and what had been written about Him. Which was His comfort and strength.

*John 15:25 (darby) But that the word written in their law might be fulfilled, they hated me without a cause.*

## **Studying the Scriptures does not give salvation or give eternal life.**

*John 5:39-40 (net) You study the scriptures thoroughly because you think in them you possess eternal life, and it is these same scriptures that testify about me, 40: but you are not willing to come to me so that you may have life.*

*John 8:37 (net) I know that you are Abraham's descendants. But you want to kill me, because my teaching makes no progress among you.*