



*“So, tell me about Yourself..”*

Getting to know Jesus through His own words

### Introduction

“But whatever was to my profit I now consider loss for the sake of Christ. What is more, I consider everything a loss compared to the surpassing greatness of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them rubbish, that I may gain Christ and be found in Him.” Philippians 3:7-9

## Part 3

# “Teacher” ...John 13:13

### Teacher

“When He had finished washing their feet, He put on His clothes and returned to His place. ‘Do you understand what I have done for you?’ He asked them. ‘You call me ‘Teacher’ and ‘Lord,’ and rightly so, for that is what I am. Now that I, your Lord and Teacher have washed your feet, you also should wash one another’s feet.’” John 13:12-17

- “teacher” – Greek – “didaskalos” = instructor, teacher, master
- From the root word “didasko” = to teach
- Jesus reveals this truth about who He is as a person. He is our instructor, our teacher, our master.
- So what does that make us, His followers? We are His students, His learners, and His servants. Are we willing to be taught?

### 1. Jesus teaches about every area of our lives

- Many people live like Jesus and the Bible are only applicable for religion, church, and Sunday mornings. Many perceive Jesus to have no input or impact for their practical everyday lives.
- This could not be further from the truth! There is not a single part of our lives that Jesus is not interested in. He has a plan for every area and He is willing to teach us!
- Through the Bible, Jesus teaches about money, sex, marriage, paying taxes, demons and angels, revenge, the government, forgiveness, divorce, worry,

greed, our speech, our bodies, our priorities, the death penalty, humility, possessions, over-eating, bitterness, how to pray, how to give, alcohol consumption...the list goes on...

- In what areas of our lives do we need Jesus?

## **2. Jesus' Teachings Bring LIFE!**

- John 1:1-4
- "The Spirit gives life; the flesh counts for nothing. The words I have spoken to you are spirit and they are life." John 6:63
- "Simon Peter answered him, 'Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. We believe and know that You are the Holy One of God.'" John 6:68-69
- John 5:24-27, Hebrews 4:12, 2 Timothy 3:16
- There was only an empty void of nothing-ness until God spoke His word into creation.
- Jesus is the life-giving Word of God. He is the spoken Word, the Person through which God gave life to everything and everyone.
- WE CAN TRUST JESUS' WORDS! They will never harm us. They may be temporarily painful to our human desires and plans, but He will always bring life to dead places.

## **3. Jesus' Teachings are not Optional**

- "Why do you call me 'Lord, Lord,' and do not do what I say?" Luke 6:46
- "If you love me, you will obey what I command." John 14:15
- "If anyone loves me, he will obey my teaching." John 14:23
- "This is love for God; to obey His commands. And His commands are not burdensome, for everyone born of God overcomes the world." 1 John 5:3
- Many Christians live as if Jesus' teachings are suggestions and not commands. We listen when we feel like it, and we obey when it's convenient or it's our last option.
- Jesus was very clear that to follow Him meant that we deny ourselves, die to our own choices and will, and serve Him only.
- Are we really His obedient learners? Or do we say that we're following Him but in reality, expect Him to follow us?

## **How do we truly allow Jesus to become our Teacher?**

### **Practical Daily Steps:**

#### **1. Be Humble and Teachable**

- God hates pride and He will stand in opposition to the proud. But He gives grace to those who are humble. (James 4:6)
- The first step to being taught by Jesus is to understand that we desperately need Him to instruct us in every area of our lives.
- We cannot do anything without Him. (John 15:5) We are not the experts on anything, He is the expert on everything. Anything we do or know is a gracious gift from God.

#### **2. Surrender to the Holy Spirit**

- Jesus said that the Holy Spirit will be our Counselor. He will teach us all things and lead us into all truth. (John 14-16)

- The Bible teaches that the Holy Spirit has direct access to all the truths of God and will reveal them to us as we ask and believe.
- Many people have read the Bible over and over and have not been changed. I believe that is because they have not invited the Holy Spirit to lead and counsel them.

### **3. Read the Bible Daily**

- Psalm 119:9-16, 55, 62, 97
- “If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.” John 8:31-32
- “abide” – Greek “meno” = to stay, to continue, to dwell, to endure, to remain, to tarry, to be present
- Jesus’ teachings are only valuable to us when we put them into our hearts and minds. We need them everyday.

### **4. Take Time to Listen & Learn**

- “Your servant will meditate on your commands.” Psalm 119:23
- “meditate” – Hebrew “siyach” = to ponder, to converse with oneself or aloud, to commune, to declare, to pray, to sing, to talk with
- “that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness. This is good and pleases God our Savior.” 1 Timothy 2:2
- Both “peaceful” and “quiet” are defined as being still and undisturbed.