

## THE JESUS YOU MIGHT NOT KNOW: IS JESUS JUST A TEACHER OF TRUTH— OR THE TRUTH HIMSELF?

Jesus was often called “Teacher” or “Rabbi.” That title was spoken with reverence over 45 times in the New Testament, even after the resurrection.

- The scribe in Matthew 8:19: *“Teacher, I will follow you wherever you go.”*
- The rich young ruler in Mark 10:17: *“Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?”*
- The disciples in the storm, Mark 4:38: *“Teacher, don’t you care that we’re perishing?”*
- James and John Mark 10:35: *“Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask.”*
- Nicodemus John 3:2: *“Rabbi, we know you are a teacher sent from God.”*
- Even Mary Magdalene John 20:16, face-to-face with the risen Christ, cried out, *“Rabboni!” (Teacher)*
- *“You call me Teacher and Lord, and rightly so, for that is what I am.” ~ John 13:13 (NKJV)*

*“For the time will come when men will not endure sound doctrine, but according to their own desires, they will gather around them teachers who say what their itching ears want to hear.” ~ 2 Timothy 4:3 (NKJV)*

*“Christ’s people must have bold, unflinching, lion-like hearts—loving Christ first and His truth next. Christ and His truth beyond all the world.” ~ Charles Spurgeon*

## FOUR WAYS JESUS’ TEACHING TRANSFORMED LIVES THEN—AND STILL TRANSFORMS US TODAY:

### 1. HIS TEACHING WAS FULL OF GRACE AND TRUTH.

*“The Word became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth.” ~ John 1:14 (NKJV)*

Think of grace and truth like the double strands of DNA—the blueprint of spiritual life:

- **Grace without truth** leads to moral indifference.
- **Truth without grace** leads to self-righteous legalism.

## 2. HIS TEACHINGS WILL CHALLENGE YOU.

Sermon on the Mount, Matthew Chapters 5-7:

- **Matthew 5:16** *Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.*
- **Matthew 5: 44**, *Love your enemies. Bless those who curse you. Do good to those who hate you and pray for those who spitefully use you.*
- **Matthew 6:6** *But you, when you pray, go into your room, and when you have shut your door, pray your Father, who is in the secret place.*
- **Matthew 6:20** *Lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven.*
- **Matthew 6:25** *Do not worry about your life.*
- **Matthew 6:33** *Seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness.*
- **Matthew 6:34** *Do not worry about tomorrow. Jesus said that in his great sermon.*
- **Matthew 7:12** *Therefore, whatever you want men to do to you, do also to them, for this is the Law and the Prophets.*

## 3. HIS TEACHING WILL CHANGE YOU.

Jesus referred to the Holy Spirit as the Spirit of truth...

When the **Spirit of truth comes**, **he will guide you into all the truth**, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. ~ **John 16:13 (NKJV)**

“We all, with unveiled faces, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as by the Spirit of the Lord.” ~ **2 Corinthians 3:18 (NKJV)**

**Romans 8:29** – “God has chosen us to be conformed to the image of His Son.”

**Ephesians 4:15** – “Grow up in all things into Him who is the head—Christ.”

#### **4. HIS TEACHING WILL COMFORT US.**

*Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me. <sup>2</sup> In My Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. <sup>3</sup> And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also. ~ John 14:1 3 (NKJV)*

#### **NEXT STEPS:**

Become a Follower of Christ today.  
Sign up for a Connect group.  
Sign up for Water Baptism June 22<sup>nd</sup>.