

Who is Jesus?

A Good Teacher

Points to Consider

1. **His Antagonist** Recognized Him as a Teacher
2. **Those Searching** for the Christ Recognized Him as a Teacher
3. **His Disciples** Recognized Him as a Teacher

Antagonist

Matt 22:15-17 *Then the Pharisees went and plotted how they might entangle Him in His talk. 16 And they sent to Him their disciples with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that You are true, and teach the way of God in truth; nor do You care about anyone, for You do not regard the person of men. 17 Tell us, therefore, what do You think? Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar, or not?"*

The Pharisees and the Herodians plotted to catch Jesus teaching something that was _____ with either the Jewish Law or the Roman Law. They refer to Him as a teacher who teaches the way of God in _____.

Mark 12:18-23 *Then some Sadducees, who say there is no resurrection, came to Him; and they asked Him, saying: 19 "Teacher, Moses wrote to us that if a man's brother dies, and leaves his wife behind, and leaves no children, his brother should take his wife and raise up offspring for his brother. 20 Now there were seven brothers. The first took a wife; and dying, he left no offspring. 21 And the second took her, and he died; nor did he leave any offspring. And the third likewise. 22 So the seven had her and left no offspring. Last of all the woman died also. 23 Therefore, in the resurrection, when they rise, whose wife will she be? For all seven had her as wife." ... 31 But concerning the resurrection of the dead, have you not read what was spoken to you by God, saying, 32 'I am the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob'? God is not the God of the dead, but of the living." 33 And when the multitudes heard this, they were astonished at His teaching.*

The Sadducees referred to Jesus as "teacher" but they were trying to show the multitude that His teachings were not consistent with _____ logic. Jesus used this as an opportunity to show that He really was a master teacher by forcing them to recognize from Scripture that there is going to be a resurrection.

Matt 22:34-36; 45--46 *But when the Pharisees heard that He had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together. 35 Then one of them, a lawyer, asked Him a question, testing Him, and saying, 36 "**Teacher**, which is the great*

commandment in the law?" ... 45 If David then calls Him 'Lord,' how is He his Son?" 46 And no one was able to answer Him a word, nor from that day on did anyone dare question Him anymore.

Jesus taught His distracters that the Christ was much more than the son of David.

Jesus did not teach them _____ about Himself at once. Jesus was a master at using questions to teach people things they had _____ for years.

He was such a good teacher that he silenced all the _____ men of His day.

John 8:3-6 *Then the scribes and Pharisees brought to Him a woman caught in adultery. And when they had set her in the midst, 4 they said to Him, "Teacher, this woman was caught in adultery, in the very act. 5 Now Moses, in the law, commanded us that such should be stoned. But what do You say?" 6 This they said, testing Him, that they might have something of which to accuse Him.*

While trying to find something they could use to accuse Jesus of wrong doing, they referred to Him as a teacher. They were trying to set two great teachers, Jesus and Moses, _____ each other.

Seekers

Luke 18:18-23 *Now a certain ruler asked Him, saying, "Good Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" 19 So Jesus said to him, "Why do you call Me good? No one is good but One, that is, God. 20 You know the commandments: 'Do not commit adultery,' 'Do not murder,' 'Do not steal,' 'Do not bear false witness,' 'Honor your father and your mother.'" 21 And he said, "All these things I have kept from my youth." 22 So when Jesus heard these things, He said to him, "You still lack one thing. Sell all that you have and distribute to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow Me." 23 But when he heard this, he became very sorrowful, for he was very rich.*

The rich, young ruler came to Jesus seeking _____ on what he needed to do to inherit eternal life.

John 3:1-2 *There was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. 2 This man came to Jesus by night and said to Him, "Rabbi, we know that You are a teacher come from God; for no one can do these signs that You do unless God is with him."*

Nicodemus recognized Jesus as a Rabbi, a term of honor, and a teacher that came from _____.

Unlike the rich ruler, Nicodemus eventually becomes a _____ of Jesus and helps prepare His body for burial.

John 1:37-39 *The two disciples heard him speak, and they followed Jesus. 38 Then Jesus turned, and seeing them following, said to them, "What do you seek?" They said to Him, "Rabbi" (which is to say, when translated, Teacher), "where are You staying?" 39 He said to them, "Come and see." They came and saw where He was staying, and remained with Him that day (now it was about the tenth hour).*

Two of John's disciples, including Andrew, knew Jesus was a Teacher as they continued their _____ for the Christ.

His Disciples

Mark 9:2-6 *Now after six days Jesus took Peter, James, and John, and led them up on a high mountain apart by themselves; and He was transfigured before them. 3 His clothes became shining, exceedingly white, like snow, such as no launderer on earth can whiten them. 4 And Elijah appeared to them with Moses, and they were talking with Jesus. 5 Then Peter answered and said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; and let us make three tabernacles: one for You, one for Moses, and one for Elijah" — 6 because he did not know what to say, for they were greatly afraid.*

In this very _____ moment, Peter referred to Jesus as Rabbi.

Mark 10:35-37 *Then James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came to Him, saying, "Teacher, we want You to do for us whatever we ask." 36 And He said to them, "What do you want Me to do for you?" 37 They said to Him, "Grant us that we may sit, one on Your right hand and the other on Your left, in Your glory."*

When James and John come to Jesus to make a _____, they referred to Him as their teacher.

John 4:28-32 *The woman then left her waterpot, went her way into the city, and said to the men, 29 "Come, see a Man who told me all things that I ever did. Could this be the Christ?" 30 Then they went out of the city and came to Him. 31 In the meantime His disciples urged Him, saying, "Rabbi, eat." 32 But He said to them, "I have food to eat of which you do not know."*

Jesus used this opportunity to live up to His name by teaching them the importance of praying that the Lord would send reapers into a field that was _____ for harvest.

John 9:1-2 *Now as Jesus passed by, He saw a man who was blind from birth. 2 And His disciples asked Him, saying, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?"*

The text we looked at last week that clearly shows that Jesus was a man of controversy started out with Jesus' disciples addressing Him as Rabbi followed by a _____.

John 11:28-30 *And when she had said these things, she went her way and secretly called Mary her sister, saying, "The Teacher has come and is calling for you." 29 As soon as she heard that, she arose quickly and came to Him.*

When speaking to her sister, Martha called Jesus _____Teacher.

John 20:15-16 *She, supposing Him to be the gardener, said to Him, "Sir, if You have carried Him away, tell me where You have laid Him, and I will take Him away." 16 Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to Him, "Rabboni!" (which is to say, Teacher).*

When she first encountered the risen Savior, Mary called Him _____.

Matt 26:25 *Then Judas, who was betraying Him, answered and said, "Rabbi, is it I?" He said to him, "You have said it." ... 49 Immediately he went up to Jesus and said, "Greetings, Rabbi!" and kissed Him.*

Even _____referred to Jesus as Rabbi.

Conclusion

Everyone who heard Him teach recognized Him as a great teacher. This included His antagonist, Those searching for the Christ, and His disciples. Jesus is the _____teacher the world has ever seen!