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**Learning to teach
Like Jesus!**

Teaching Techniques of Jesus

*Learning from the Master
Teacher*



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Teaching Techniques of Jesus

- Jesus was the Master Teacher!
Why?
- The techniques he used have withstood the test of time!



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Overview:

- **Strove for a higher level of learning.**
 - “True knowledge is not just an acquaintance with events but something that is a means toward wisdom, maturity, and the better life!”



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Overview:

- **Placed the burden of thought on the student and forced them to think!**
- **Teaching was inseparably connected with his life!**



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Overview:

- Acts 1:1 “Both **to do** and to teach.”
- Jesus: “I **am** the truth.”
 - II Cor 3:2 “We are an epistle, known and read of all men.”
 - Emerson: “What you are thunders in my ears so loud I can’t hear a word you are saying!”



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Worked to get Attention!

- **Called people by name!**
 - Jn 1:42 “Thou art Simon, son of John.”
- **Sincerely complimented!**
 - Jn 1:47-48 “Behold Nathanael...”
- **Established eye contact!**
 - Mk 10:27 “Jesus *looking upon them.*”

Worked to get Attention!

- Gave feedback/encouragement!
 - Mk 12:34 “You are not far from the kingdom . . .”
 - Jn 16:12 Many things to say yet, but not now, however...



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Worked to get Attention!

- Changed subjects rapidly and kept points moving!
 - Sermon on the mount



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Spoke with conviction.

- *Lk 4:32 “And they were astonished at His word for He spoke as one having authority.”*
- *Teach your convictions not your doubts!*
- Be well prepared, speak with confidence.

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Socratic Method

- “A long series of leading questions to bring an idea to birth in the mind of the hearer.”
- Jesus: Whom do *men* say that I am? Whom do *you* say?



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Socratic Method

- Four gospels over 100 questions.
 - Age 12 Lk 2:46-49
- Sir Francis Bacon: “The skillful question is half the knowledge.”



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Socratic Method

- Ask questions to force people to see themselves!
 - Jn 1:38 “What seek ye?”
 - Lk 5:22-23 “Why reason so in your hearts? Which is easier?”
 - Jn 3:12 “If I tell you earthly things and you believe not, how shall you believe if I tell you heavenly things?”

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Socratic Method

- He would ask a question with a question!
- Matt 21:25-27
 - Pharisees: “By what authority do you do these things?”
 - Jesus: “The baptism of John is it from heaven or men?”
 - Pharisees: “I don’t know.”
- Jesus: “Then neither will I tell you by what authority I do these things.”

Jesus loved the Paradox!

- “Truth standing on its head to get attention!”
 - Appears on the surface to be a contradiction...
 - “Humility is a funny thing as soon as you think you have it you lost it!”



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Christ's paradoxes:

- Mk 10:31 “The first shall be last, and the last first.”
- Mt 10:39 “Gain your life by losing it!”
- Beatitudes: “Happy are those that mourn.”

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Sayings of Jesus!

- Sentence sermons, antidotes, epigrams. .
- Short pithy sayings that make truth memorable and achieve maximum impact!
- “Jesus savored His words, packed them with meaning, feathered them with imagery, and sent them flying upon the winds of the world!”

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Sayings of Jesus!

- It is more blessed to give . . .
- The Golden Rule . . .
- No prophet . . .
- The well have no need of a physician, . . .
- No man puts new wine in old . . .
- The first shall be last . . .



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Teachers use catchy sayings

- What on earth, are you doing for heaven's sake?
- GK Chesterton ... "Christianity has not been tried and found wanting, but has been found difficult and rarely tried."
- "This church is prayer conditioned."



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The Use of the Parable

- Jesus did not discover the parable— He *elevated* it!
 - Traditional Def: “An earthly story with a heavenly meaning.”
 - “Poetry of heaven embodied in the prose of earth.”
 - Lit: “To lay down along side of.”
 - A comparison or analogy!

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The Use of the Parable

- Barclay: “Christ found earth crammed full of heaven.”
- Took ordinary things and did extraordinary things!
 - Sower—sow --- Word of God
 - Shepherd —sheep -- Seeking lost!
 - Rich man at a banquet -- God’s invitation.
 - Lillies of field --- God’s care!

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Jesus and His use of parables

- Used concrete imagery—(mental pictures) to explain abstract concepts!
- Reason from *Known to the Unknown!!*



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How important were parables?

- Mk 4:33-34 “With many parables he spoke unto them as they were able to hear it, and **without a parable spoke he not unto them.**”
- Spurgeon: Illustrations are the windows that let Divine light in!”



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Why do you teach us in “riddles?” Why do you not speak more plainly?

- **Mk 4:21-22** “Is the lamp bought to be put under the bushel, or under the bed, and not to be put on the stand? For there is nothing hid, **save that is should be manifested**, neither was anything made secret, but that it should **come to light!**”



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Applications . .

- Why do you wrap a gift?
 - Experience the joy of discovery!!
 - Similar to a treasure hunt!
- Mt 7:7 “Seek and ye shall find!”
 - What do you remember the longest, things you are told, or things you’ve experienced?



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Winston Churchill

“England always had the heart of a lion, I was simply fortunate enough to give it its roar!”



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The church has the heart of a lion .

We as its teachers are
fortunate enough to be
called to give it its roar!



Jesus the master teacher says:

- Except ye believe in me ye will die in your sins!
- I am the way the truth and the life, no man cometh unto the father but by me. Jn 14:6
- Have you come to Jesus? Gal 3:27



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