

Education

Lesson #5 — Jesus as the Master Teacher

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Memory Verse

2 Corinthians 4:6 NKJV *“For it is the God who commanded light to shine out of darkness, who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ”.*

Astonished At His Teaching (Shocked, amazed, struck)

Luke 4:32 (NKJV) *And they were astonished at His teaching, for His word was with authority. Teaching with conviction.*

Matthew 7:28–29 (NKJV) *And so it was, when Jesus had ended these sayings, that the people were astonished at His teaching, ²⁹ for He taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes.*

Matthew 13:54 (NKJV) *When He had come to His own country, He taught them in their synagogue, so that they were astonished and said, “Where did this Man get this wisdom and these mighty works?”*

John 7:45–46 (NKJV) *Then the officers came to the chief priests and Pharisees, who said to them, “Why have you not brought Him?” ⁴⁶ The officers answered, “No man ever spoke like this Man!”*

Revealing the Father

John 1:18 *No one has seen God at any time. The only begotten Son, who is in the bosom of the Father, He has declared Him.*

John 14:6–11 (NKJV) *Jesus said to him, “I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me. ⁷ “If you had known Me, you would have known My Father also; and from now on you know Him and have seen Him.” ⁸ Philip said to Him, “Lord, show us the Father, and it is sufficient for us.” ⁹ Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you so long, and yet you have not known Me, Philip? He who has seen Me has seen the Father; so how can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? ¹⁰ Do you not believe that I am in the Father, and the Father in Me? The words that I speak to you I do not speak on My own authority; but the Father who dwells in Me does the works. ¹¹ Believe Me that I am in the Father and the Father in Me, or else believe Me for the sake of the works themselves.*

2 Corinthians 4:6 (NKJV) *For it is the God who commanded light to shine out of darkness, who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.*

Colossians 1:15 (NKJV) *He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation.*

Hebrews 1:2–3 (NKJV) *has in these last days spoken to us by His Son, whom He has appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the worlds; ³ who being the brightness of His glory and the express image of His person, and upholding all things by the word of His power, when He had by Himself purged our sins, sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high,*

John 12:44–45 (NKJV) *Then Jesus cried out and said, “He who believes in Me, believes not in Me but in Him who sent Me. ⁴⁵ And he who sees Me sees Him who sent Me.*

John 1:14 (NKJV) *And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.*

Everything Jesus did in His life on earth had a single purpose: “the revelation of God for the uplifting of humanity.” — Education, p. 82.

At a field hospital in the company of their general. One young soldier “was so mangled that he lay facedown on a canvas-and-steel contraption.” A doctor whispered to Graham, “I doubt he’ll ever walk again.” The soldier made a request of the general: “Sir, ... I fought for you, but I’ve never seen you. Could I see your face?” So the general got down, slid under that canvas-and-steel contraption, and talked with the soldier. As Graham watched, a tear fell from the soldier onto the general’s cheek.

Revealing The Father (Cont.)

Matthew 11:27 (NKJV) *All things have been delivered to Me by My Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father. Nor does anyone know the Father except the Son, and the one to whom the Son wills to reveal Him.*

John 5:37 (NKJV) *And the Father Himself, who sent Me, has testified of Me. You have neither heard His voice at any time, nor seen His form.*

John 17:20–23 *“I do not pray for these alone, but also for those who will believe in Me through their word; ²¹ that they all may be one, as You, Father, are in Me, and I in You; that they also may be one in Us, that the world may believe that You sent Me. ²² And the glory which You gave Me I have given them, that they may be one just as We are one: ²³ I in them, and You in Me; that they may be made perfect in one, and that the world may know that You have sent Me, and have loved them as You have loved Me.*

“Christ came to restore this knowledge. He came to set aside the false teaching by which those who claimed to know God had misrepresented Him. He came to manifest the nature of His law, to reveal in His own character the beauty of holiness.” — E.G. White, Education, pp. 74-76.

Reading the Master Teacher's Mind

Philippians 2:5–7 (NKJV) *Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus,⁶ who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God,⁷ but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, and coming in the likeness of men.*

Jesus often used the “Socratic method”, teaching with questions.

Luke 2:45–50 (NKJV)⁴⁵ *So when they did not find Him, they returned to Jerusalem, seeking Him.⁴⁶ Now so it was that after three days they found Him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the teachers, both listening to them and asking them questions.⁴⁷ And all who heard Him were astonished at His understanding and answers.⁴⁸ So when they saw Him, they were amazed; and His mother said to Him, “Son, why have You done this to us? Look, Your father and I have sought You anxiously.”⁴⁹ And He said to them, “**Why did you seek Me? Did you not know that I must be about My Father's business?**”⁵⁰ But they did not understand the statement which He spoke to them.*

Matthew 16:13–16 (NKJV) *When Jesus came into the region of Caesarea Philippi, He asked His disciples, saying, “**Who do men say that I, the Son of Man, am?**”¹⁴ So they said, “Some say John the Baptist, some Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.”¹⁵ He said to them, “**But who do you say that I am?**”¹⁶ Simon Peter answered and said, “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.”*

Matthew 21:40 (NKJV) *“Therefore, when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those vinedressers?”*

Luke 20:24 (NKJV) *Show Me a denarius. Whose image and inscription does it have?” They answered and said, “Caesar's.”*

Luke 10:36 (NKJV) *So which of these three do you think was neighbor to him who fell among the thieves?”*

Luke 7:42 *And when they had nothing with which to repay, he freely forgave them both. Tell Me, therefore, which of them will love him more?”*

The Master Teacher and Reconciliation

Colossians 1:19–22 (NKJV) *For it pleased the Father that in Him all the fullness should dwell,²⁰ and by Him to reconcile all things to Himself, by Him, whether things on earth or things in heaven, having made peace through the blood of His cross.²¹ And you, who once were alienated and enemies in your mind by wicked works, yet now He has reconciled²² in the body of His flesh through death, to present you holy, and blameless, and above reproach in His sight—*

2 Corinthians 5:16–19 (NKJV) *Therefore, from now on, we regard no one according to the flesh. Even though we have known Christ according to the flesh, yet now we know Him thus no longer. Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new. Now all things are of God, who has reconciled us to Himself through Jesus Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation, that is, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not imputing their trespasses to them, and has committed to us the word of reconciliation.*

John 17:18 (NKJV) *As You sent Me into the world, I also have sent them into the world.*

The Master Teacher's First Pupils

Luke 2:8–20 (NKJV) *Now there were in the same country shepherds living out in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night.⁹ And behold, an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were greatly afraid.¹⁰ Then the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid, for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy which will be to all people.¹¹ For there is born to you this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.¹² And this will be the sign to you: You will find a Babe wrapped in swaddling cloths, lying in a manger.”¹³ And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying:¹⁴ “Glory to God in the highest, And on earth peace, goodwill toward men!”¹⁵ So it was, when the angels had gone away from them into heaven, that the shepherds said to one another, “Let us now go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has come to pass, which the Lord has made known to us.”¹⁶ And they came with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the Babe lying in a manger.¹⁷ Now when they had seen Him, they made widely known the saying which was told them concerning this Child.¹⁸ And all those who heard it marveled at those things which were told them by the shepherds.¹⁹ But Mary kept all these things and pondered them in her heart.²⁰ Then the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told them.*

Matthew 2:11 (NKJV) *And when they had come into the house, they saw the young Child with Mary His mother, and fell down and worshiped Him. And when they had opened their treasures, they presented gifts to Him: gold, frankincense, and myrrh.*

The humble conditions of Jesus' birth evoke wonder of the incarnation — that, in the Person of this Infant, God has become One with humankind.