

“I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of the living God” is the most important statement mankind must know

Part V

Everything about Jesus proves He is the Son of the living God. Today we talk about His teachings.

I believe Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God, because of His teachings.

He taught the highest standards of life and worship and He moved people to make eternal choices. There was authority in His message and manner: “...the people were astonished at His teaching. For He taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes” (Matthew 7:28-29). One time, some religious leaders sent officers to arrest Jesus. The officers found Him, listened to Him, then returned without Him. When the leaders asked, “Why have you not brought Him?”, the officers answered, “No man ever spoke like this Man!” (John 7:45-46).

Jesus teaches us how to love God and others. He says the purpose of our worship and work should not be to glorify ourselves but to glorify God and help people (John 4:24; Matthew 5:16; 6:1-18; 23:1-12; 25:31-46). He instructs us in moral purity, honesty, unselfish service, fairness, compassion, and forgiveness. He tells us, “...love your enemies, bless those who curse you, do good to those who hate you, and pray for those who spitefully use you and persecute you” (Matthew 5:44).

Using powerful parables, Jesus unwrapped the treasures of heaven and blessed the hearts of men. The common people heard Him gladly, but many “wise” men did not (Mark 12:37; Matthew 11:25-26; 13:10-12). He exposed error, rebuked sin and warned of eternal condemnation upon all who do not obey God (Matthew 15:1-14; 23:1-39; John 5:28-29). When His enemies tried to trap Him with questions, they always failed, and they were often caught in their own traps (Matthew 19:3-9; 22:15-46).

Some of His teachings foretold details of future events, such as His death, burial, and resurrection (Matthew 16:21; 20:17-19). He also foretold the destruction of Jerusalem (Matthew 24:1-35), which occurred at the hands of the Roman army in A.D. 70.

The teachings of Jesus show that He is the Son of the living God. There is no other teacher like Jesus!