

BEHOLD THE MASTER TEACHER

- I. How could Jesus be so special?
 - A. Had a humble birth.
 - B. Jesus the Bread of life from Bethlehem - "Heb: House of Bread"
 - C. Angels appeared to shepherds to announce the birth of the Lamb.
 - D. Carpenter's son.
 - E. Never wrote a sermon or penned a single book.
 - F. Never wrote a single poem or composed a single song.
 - G. Yet his life has been the touchstone for more books, songs, etc.
 1. Without education he taught the scholars.
 2. Without money he gave wealth to the destitute of spirit.
 3. Without an earthly kingdom he has influenced more kings.
 - H. Who is this man that Peter and Andrew would leave their nets?
 - I. What was it about his teachings?

- II. Jesus was special for "who he taught."
 - A. Poor and common people. Mk 12:37
 - B. Rich. Zacheus, Rich Young Ruler.
 - C. Outcasts and Sinners and Publicans. Lk 5:31, Mt 9:13
 - D. Small crowds. Sometimes had an audience of just one. Jn 4
 - F. Large crowds. 5000 or more. Jn 6

- III. Jesus was special for "why he taught."
 - A. To call sinners to repentance.
 - B. To seek and save the lost. Lk 19:10
 - C. With compassion and concern. Mk 6:34
 - D. To meet their spiritual needs, not for own self esteem.

- IV. Jesus was special for "where he taught."
 - A. On the mountain side. Mt 5
 - B. On the plain. Lk 6:17
 - C. From a boat. Mk 4:1
 - D. In the city.
 - E. In the temple.
 - F. In private houses.
 - G. In public synagogues.
 - H. Anywhere people would listen.

- V. Jesus was special for "when he taught."
 - A. At every occasion.
 - B. When he saw men casting their nets.
 - C. When he saw men farming.
 - D. Used every day things to spark a chance to teach.

- VI. Jesus was special for "how he taught."
 - A. With authority. Mt 7:29
 - B. With compassion and love.
 - C. He broke normal pompous style of day. Jn 7:46
 - D. He was colorful, extemporaneous, metaphoric, simple, clear.
 - E. Used language common people could understand. Parables.

- VII. Jesus was special for "what he taught."
 - A. Love and forgiveness of even enemies.
 - B. Sacrifice, gospel of the kingdom, a better way of living, etc.