

## Life of Christ – Ministry of

### Introduction:

Even in the ministry of Jesus, we see His deity because of the things that He did and the message that He preached. Today, as we notice the ministry of Christ, we will see that we should be doing the same things that Christ Himself did.

- I. In His ministry, Jesus went to those who needed Him the most.
- II. In His ministry, Jesus always taught the truth.
- III. In His ministry, Jesus taught the people a message that was not His own.

### I. In His ministry, Jesus went to those who needed Him the most.

1. Jesus was often condemned by the Pharisees because he would eat with sinners.
2. **Lk. 5:30-32** - And their scribes and the Pharisees complained against His disciples, saying, "Why do You eat and drink with tax collectors and sinners?" {31} Jesus answered and said to them, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. {32} I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners, to repentance."
3. Jesus was going to those who would listen to Him.
- B. The one main purpose for Jesus coming to this earth was to save those who were lost.
  1. **Mt. 20:27-28** - And whoever desires to be first among you, let him be your slave—{28} just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many.
  2. **Lk. 9:56** - "For the Son of Man did not come to destroy men's lives but to save them."
  3. **Lk. 19:10** - "for the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost."
  4. **I Tim. 1:15** - This is a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am chief.
- C. This purpose was accomplished on the cross (which we will look at in greater detail next week).
  1. **Jn. 12:27-28** - "Now My soul is troubled, and what shall I say? 'Father, save Me from this hour'? But for this purpose I came to this hour. {28} Father, glorify Your name." Then a voice came from heaven, saying, "I have both glorified it and will glorify it again."
  2. **Rom. 5:6-8** - For when we were still without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly. {7} For scarcely for a righteous man will one die; yet perhaps for a good man someone would even dare to die. {8} But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.
- D. Just as Christ went to the world (sinners) we are commanded to do the same.
  1. **Mt. 28:19-20** - Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy

- Spirit, {20} teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.
2. **Mk. 16:15** - And He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature."
  3. **I Cor. 3:6** - I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the increase.

## II. In His ministry, Jesus always taught the truth.

- A. Jesus was teaching the people something different.
  1. Even though His coming had been prophesied about, this was a big change in their religion.
  2. Some of them readily accepted the teaching of Jesus; others, however, did not.
  3. It was the common people that received Jesus.
    - a. **Mk. 12:37** - "Therefore David himself calls Him 'Lord'; how is He then his Son?" And the common people heard Him gladly.
    - b. **Lk. 7:29-30** - And when all the people heard Him, even the tax collectors justified God, having been baptized with the baptism of John. {30} But the Pharisees and lawyers rejected the will of God for themselves, not having been baptized by him.
- B. He taught this truth even when others did not want to hear it.
  1. **Mk. 12:38-40** - Then He said to them in His teaching, "Beware of the scribes, who desire to go around in long robes, love greetings in the marketplaces, {39} the best seats in the synagogues, and the best places at feasts, {40} who devour widows' houses, and for a pretense make long prayers. These will receive greater condemnation."
  2. Eight times in **Matthew 23**, Jesus says, "Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites!"
  3. The Pharisees obviously did not like the message that Jesus gave them.
  4. However, Jesus continued to teach them the truth.
- C. Jesus taught the truth when it came to:
  1. Salvation
    - a. **Jn. 14:6** - Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me."
    - b. **Mk. 16:16** - He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned.
  2. Divorce
    - a. **Mt. 19:9** - And I say to you, whoever divorces his wife, except for sexual immorality, and marries another, commits adultery; and whoever marries her who is divorced commits adultery.
    - b. Even though the Pharisees did not want to hear it, Jesus taught the truth.
  3. Any other topic that He ever dealt with.
    - a. Jesus taught the truth!
- D. We also, need to teach the truth; even when others may not want to hear it.

1. This does not mean that we ram it down their throat, but we cannot sacrifice the truth simply because someone does not like what they hear.
2. How many of our own teachers (in the brotherhood) are willing to sacrifice the truth so that they will not offend anyone?
3. **II Tim. 4:3-4** - For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine, but according to their own desires, because they have itching ears, they will heap up for themselves teachers; {4} and they will turn their ears away from the truth, and be turned aside to fables.

### III. In His ministry, Jesus taught the people a message that was not His own.

- A. Jesus came from God Himself.
  1. **Jn. 8:42** - Jesus said to them, "If God were your Father, you would love Me, for I proceeded forth and came from God; nor have I come of Myself, but He sent Me."
  2. **Jn. 16:28** - I came forth from the Father and have come into the world. Again, I leave the world and go to the Father.
  3. The miracles that Jesus did prove that the Father sent Him.
    - a. **Jn. 5:36** - But I have a greater witness than John's; for the works which the Father has given Me to finish-- the very works that I do-- bear witness of Me, that the Father has sent Me.
    - b. **Acts 2:22** - Men of Israel, hear these words: Jesus of Nazareth, a Man attested by God to you by miracles, wonders, and signs which God did through Him in your midst, as you yourselves also know--
- B. Jesus always wanted to do the will of His Father who sent Him.
  1. **Jn. 6:38** - For I have come down from heaven, not to do My own will, but the will of Him who sent Me.
  2. **Mt. 26:39** - He went a little farther and fell on His face, and prayed, saying, "O My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from Me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as You will."
  3. Jesus came to this earth to do the will of the Father.
- C. Today we take a message to the world that is not our own.
  1. We take the message of the Father to those who will listen and obey.
  2. **I Cor. 2:1-2** - And I, brethren, when I came to you, did not come with excellence of speech or of wisdom declaring to you the testimony of God. {2} For I determined not to know anything among you except Jesus Christ and Him crucified.

### Conclusion:

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