

Jesus has entered the story so far we have seen what He brings to the situation and what it means that He has come.

All that we've studied in the fall....the garden,...the law.....the nation.....the prophets.....the priests.....the kings they all find their home in Christ.....their meaning, their fulfillment is in Christ.

We've see that the last two weeks....as we zoom way out and see the whole story

it's what we did in the OT....still doing in the NT....we're zooming out...getting a big picture of Scripture.

When Jesus came He didn't get rid of the Law, He fulfilled it...

When Jesus came He didn't remove the offices he became our prophet, priest and King.

Micah and Andrew led us well in this teaching but really all that they taught is not automatically realized when Jesus was born....it took Him living, walking and teaching

What we see of Jesus with a broad lens the 1<sup>st</sup> century audience was really struggling to understand.

Even the disciples and those close to Jesus were struggling to fully grasp what we see in full.

So tonight we want to think about the teachings of Jesus.....

His ministry (miracles and teachings) was how the people knew exactly who He was. What he claimed & taught

As we think about Jesus's teachings we could never go through each of them.

**So our aim tonight is to consider them as a whole. Gain a broad perspective**

What did Jesus teach? What we know best about Jesus & Life was best taught by Jesus

We know the Old Testament points to Jesus...something greater.

But what Jesus actually brought and taught threw a big wrench in most peoples plans and thought

**Ultimately this: Jesus taught that He is God in the flesh and has called us to follow Him.**

**So what did Jesus teach? 2 broad areas of His teaching.**

1. What Jesus taught about Himself?
2. What Jesus taught about Us?

If all the Bible hinges on a Messiah, on Jesus....it really does matter what this person, Jesus, said while He was here.

**1. What did Jesus teach about Himself?** (the Kingdom, His Deity, His Control, His Authority)

Ultimately Jesus was killed for the claims He made about Himself.

(we know from Scripture and the plan of God, the big story, that this was allowed by God)

Jesus willingly obeyed - John 10:17-18 –“ I lay down my life – no one takes it from me, I have authority to lay it down”  
the earthly charge was blasphemy – but there was a bigger story

**The Claims Jesus made – what He taught about Himself disrupted the system, thinking of the day.**

**Jesus taught that the law was fulfilled in Him** – Micah led us through this –

Matthew 5:17 (haven't come to abolish the law but fulfill them)

Jesus brought a new way to live - Matthew 5 (part of the sermon on the mount) is filled with Jesus saying:

You've heard it was said this.....but I am saying this....He was communicating how he was fulfilling...? on screen

**Jesus also taught that He had full authority.** Matthew 28:18 “all authority has been given to me” - ? on screen

**Jesus taught that He was the only way to the Father** – John 14:6 “I am the way the truth and the life..... - ? on screen

**Jesus taught that he was God** – John 10: 22-33 – this was ultimately the claim of all claims.

think for a second of what Jesus was saying - **I Am God - ? on screen**

The religious leaders knew the OT front and back....the one thing they knew was that God alone was God -

And now....Jesus comes claiming He has authority, He is the only way....that He and God are the same?

**see the problem?**

They knew the OT well...they just missed Jesus as fulfillment...as the One the prophets spoke about...

They didn't realize this was the offspring from Gen. 3:15....their hearts were hardened..

so they kept pursuing Him and eventually had him killed- **but again....there was a bigger storyline here**

Ultimately....their killing Him didn't defeat Him – it fit in the ultimate plan of God (redemption)

Jesus laid down His life for the sins of man. the plan of God from the beginning of time (GEN. 3:15)\

When Jesus taught - He was teaching about Himself but also He taught what it meant to live for the Kingdom.

They thought the kingdom of God would look different...like here....but He brought something different

That's where we come in. 2. **What did Jesus teach about us? (about life? living as kingdom people)**

The Kingdom coming would look a bit different than Narnia....than what people thought...

What what He teaches about us is wrapped tight in two words **"FOLLOW ME."**

**Sounds like Kingdom language right? (THE KING ruling in His glory)**

If all that Jesus said about Himself was true....if His claim was right....shouldn't we follow Him?

Wouldn't it be good/smart to hear, learn, read, follow what the King has said?

If this Jesus has full authority....if He is God....shouldn't I be concerned with what He commanded?

### **Follow Me is a mouthful.**

But when we step back and view what Jesus taught about life we get a good broad view.

Jesus taught about living life different – same ultimate goal – glorify God – but now a clearer, truer, better way

1. **Repent/Be Born Again** – it starts here – John 3 - Luke 13:3 (unless you repent you will all perish)
2. **Make disciples** – He has authority and has called us to teach other to obey
3. **Love God and Love Others** – Great commandment – Mark 12:29-31
4. **Live Different** – Be salt and light – these two can't be unnoticed – so let it shine – let it bring flavor. Matt. 5

NOW – these are 4 broad areas.....the Gospels are filled with the details....dig in to them.

But looking at these broadly we see that Jesus has a clear way we are to live as His Followers.

Jesus brought some radical views....but remember...this was God in the flesh.

Many saw it as Him changing the system, the law.

Many saw Him contradicting Moses, the Old Testament...

But Jesus came as a fulfillment of these things....the truer and better.

With this a new way to live....because now we had the King. The Kingdom had come.

wasn't the way many expected but it was the way God had always planned.

### **In the end: Everyone has an answer for Jesus....**

**CS LEWIS wrote:** He is either a Lunatic – a Liar or He is Lord. – WHAT IS YOUR ANSWER FOR JESUS?

You can read the Gospels and see people's answer for Jesus.

You can read responses of people from the past and even today...to see their answer for Jesus.

You can look at the way people live and get a feel for their view or answer for Jesus.

### **But really can't we look at our lives and see our answer? What is your response to this Jesus?**

What is your answer and how does your life support that answer?

Do His teachings change how you live for all eternity?

Do His teachings change how you will spend your life here?

how you view school, friends, dating, sports, your free time, your conversation. family, Him?

Based on what Jesus taught...it should. It changes everything. By following Him – we live different.

Your life – pursuits – really expose your answer for WHO JESUS IS.....

**Jesus taught that He is God in the flesh, full of Authority and has called us to follow Him.**

**What is your answer to that? (GROUPS)**