

THE LIFE *and* TIMES of JESUS CHRIST

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THE TITLE OF THE MESSAGE:

“Christ and His Earthly Work”

THE THEME OF THIS SERIES:

Colossians 2:9

“For in Christ all the fullness of the Godhead dwells
in bodily form”

TOPICAL SUBJECT REFERENCED UNDER:

Incarnation, Mission, Work

INTRODUCTION:

As we come now to the 5th topic of the Life and Times series. We have already considered Christ in several aspects of His Person and ministry, both temporarily and eternally...

Last Time

1.) The Purpose of His Mission

- a.) Was to Fulfill all that was Written
- b.) Was to Ransom Israel
- c.) Was to Save the Gentiles

2.) The Scope of His Mission

- a.) Was to Provide Temporal Liberation
- b.) Was to Provide Physical Relief
- c.) Was to Provide Eternal Freedom

3.) The Execution of His Mission

- a.) Was Done by Jesus Performing all that was Necessary
- b.) Was Done by Jesus Directing all that was Important
- c.) Was Done by Jesus Imparting all that was Needed

Christ and His Mission

John 18:37

Pilate therefore said to Him, "Are You a king then?" Jesus answered, "You say rightly that I am a king. **For this cause I was born, and for this cause I have come into the world**, that I should bear witness to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth hears My voice."

When We Consider Jesus Christ

we are immediately faced with an individual Unlike any other person
in the whole of Human History

John 12:32

if I be lifted up from the earth,
will draw all men to Myself."

Jesus is certainly the

#1

Most famous person that has ever lived

He is in fact the #1 most written about person of all time

But most importantly, He is personally responsible for the changing of countless lives for tens of millions of people throughout history.

It is estimated that Jesus Christ has over 1 Billion followers worldwide, at this, the close of the of the Twentieth Century and at the dawn of the Third Millennium!

Because Jesus Made a Difference, Everywhere He Went and to All He Met

Matthew 4:23

“And Jesus went about all Galilee, **teaching** in their synagogues, **preaching** the gospel of the kingdom, and **healing** all kinds of sickness and all kinds of disease among the people.”

Matt 28:18-19

And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. 19 "Go therefore and make disciples of all the **nations**,

*of all the Ethnos
all nationalities, all colors, all others*

“The Authority”

OF HIS EARTHLY WORK – THRU TEACHING !

1.) Jesus Came to Earth to Teach

“He, Jesus, Went About **Teaching**
in their Synagogues...”

Matthew 4:23a

A Good Message, Taught Well, Should

Always Effect It's Listeners in at least 4 Areas needed for Christian Growth

2 Timothy 3:16

All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for
(#1) doctrine, - is useful to teach (#2) for reproof, - to make us realize what is wrong in
our lives (#3) for correction, - **it straightens us out**
(#4) for instruction in righteousness, - **and helps us do what is right.**

1 - Doctrine;

“the teaching of the way”

2 - Reproof;

the showing us what is disapproving to God

3 - Correction;

it is to straighten out our thinking

4 - Instruction;

is the practical knowledge that helps us do what is right

Micah 6:8

“He hath shewed thee, O man, what is good; and what the LORD require of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God?”

a.) His Teaching Whispered Obedience

When Jesus Taught, He Exploded with Vitality

Matthew 7:29

for He taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes.

Mark 12:37

...And the common (the bulk of, the normal) people heard Him gladly.

Gladly grk 2234 hedeos (hay-deh'-oce);
as receiving something sweetly, with pleasure, enjoyably

John 7:46

"No man ever spoke like this Man!"

When you Heard Jesus Teach,
you wanted to do what He spoke of

2 Timothy 3:16

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and is profitable for (#1) doctrine, - is useful to teach

The Doctrine

Jeremiah 15:16

Your words were found, and I ate them, and Your word was to me the joy and rejoicing of my heart; for I am called by Your name, O LORD God of hosts.

His Teaching “Whispered” Obedience

Hebrews 13:7

Remember those who rule over you, who have spoken the word of God to you, whose faith follow, considering the outcome of their conduct.

Hebrews 13:17

Obey those who rule over you, and be **submissive**, for they watch out for your souls, as those who must give account. Let them do so with joy and not with grief, for that would be unprofitable for you.

Hebrews 13:24

Greet all those who rule over you, and all the saints. Those from Italy greet you.

b.) His Teaching Painted Pictures

The Reproof

2 Timothy 3:16

All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for (#2) for reproof, - to make us realize what is wrong in our lives

what's disapproving to God

He “Graphically” Presented the Truth

Mark 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."



Pretense grk 4392 prophasis (prof'-as-is);
something shown an outwardly. that which is only on the outside

A Prosthetic Something worn on the outside

Matthew 23:27

"**Woe** (Ouai – damned be you) to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you are like whitewashed tombs which indeed appear beautiful outwardly, but inside are full of dead men's bones and all uncleanness.

“Graphically” *Jesus told Them About Offenders*

Matthew 18:4-6

"Therefore whoever humbles himself as **this little child** (graphically) is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. 5 "Whoever receives one little **child like this** in My name receives Me. 6 "But whoever causes one of **these little ones** who believe in Me to sin, it would be better for him if **a millstone were hung around his neck, and he were drowned in the depth of the sea.**

a weight ranging from 2,000 to 4,000 lbs.

c.) His Teaching Warned of Consequences

2 Timothy 3:16

**All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for
(#3) correction, - it straightens us out**

The Correction

Luke 22:25-27

And He said to them, "The kings of the Gentiles exercise lordship over them, and those who exercise authority over them are called 'benefactors.' 26 "But not so among you; on the contrary, he who is greatest among you, let him be as the younger, and he who governs as he who serves. 27 "For who is greater, he who sits at the table, or he who serves? Is it not he who sits at the table? Yet I am among you as the One who serves.

His Teaching Brought On Correction, With Instruction and all are the better for it

d.) His Teaching Brought About Assurance

2 Timothy 3:16

All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable (#4) for instruction in righteousness, - and helps us do what is right.

The Instruction

Luke 15:3-7

So He spoke this parable to them, saying: 4 "What man of you, having a hundred sheep, if he loses one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness, and go after the one which is lost until he finds it? 5 "And when he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders, rejoicing. 6 "And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, (and Roast) 'Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep which was lost!' 7 "I say to you that likewise there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine just persons who need no repentance.

Assurance is Important

John 10:27-29

"My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me. 28 "And I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; neither shall anyone snatch them out of My hand. 29 "My Father, who has given them to Me, is greater than all; and no one is able to snatch them out of My Father's hand.

“The Authority”

OF HIS EARTHLY WORK – THRU PREACHING !

“He, Jesus, Went About **Preaching**
the Kingdom of God...”
Matthew 4:23a

A Good Message, Preached Well Should,
Always Effect its Listeners to Have to Consider Jesus Christ as Savior

2.) Jesus Came to Earth to Preach

Luke 20:1

Now it happened on one of those days, as He taught the people in the temple and preached the gospel...

THE PROCLAIMING

preaching grk 2782 kerugma (kay'-roog-mah);
a broad proclamation, an announcing of, a spreading of news

“Gospel”
Meaning the “Good News” or “God-News”

Preaching is Evangelism

Evangelism is not Always Done with Words More Importantly - *Lifestyle*

a.) Jesus Preached to the Heart of Man

Preaching the Gospel Unlocks Lost Souls

“The Heart”

meaning the core, the life, the living of every man

Jesus was Relevant and Current

Luke 4:43-44

"I must preach the kingdom of God to the other cities also, because for this purpose I have been sent." 44 And He was preaching in the synagogues of Galilee.

b.) Jesus Preached to the Mind of Man

God Has Made Us
Intellectuals

Genesis 1:26

"Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness;

a moral representation or reflection
able to love, able to reason, able to create, able to express

The Existence of God and the Gospel of Jesus Christ
is Both **Logical** and **Reasonable**

We Don't Need to Argue His Existence Because It's Obvious

Acts 17:22-23

Then Paul stood in the midst of the Areopagus and said, "Men of Athens, I perceive that in all things you are very religious; 23 "for as I was passing through and considering the objects of your worship, I even found an altar with this inscription: TO THE UNKNOWN GOD. Therefore, the One whom you worship without knowing, Him I proclaim to you:

The Preaching of the Gospel Judges Those Who are Closed Against It

Mark 4:10-12

But when He was alone, those around Him with the twelve asked Him about the parable. 11 And He said to them, "To you it has been given to know the mystery of the kingdom of God; but to those who are outside, all things come in parables, 12 "so that 'Seeing they may see and not perceive, and hearing they may hear and not understand; lest they should turn, and their sins be forgiven them.' "

Hebrews 3:7-8

Therefore, as the Holy Spirit says: "Today, if you will hear His voice,
8 Do not harden your hearts...

The Urgency

2 Corinthians 6:1-2

We then, as workers together with Him also plead with you not to receive the grace of God in vain. 2 For He says: "In an acceptable time I have heard you, and in the day of salvation I have helped you." Behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation.

c.) Jesus Preached to the Whole of Man

The Biblical Message will touch every aspect of man

Preaching the Gospel is God's Method of
Choice to Reach the Lost

I have been asked;

"Why not make Sunday Mornings More Evangelical Rather Than
having a service for the Church, those already saved?"

*Because if I can Reach many through one Message
then if each sunday christian reaches
one friend, one co-worker...*

!!! then the message is multiplied !!!

Just Think

I've Been told that about 10,000 tapes go out from here every 3
months...

!!! then the message is multiplied !!!

JESUS IS WHERE THE PREACHING IS

Mark 16:19-20

So then, after the Lord had spoken to them, He was received up into heaven, and sat down at the right hand of God. 20 **And they went out and preached everywhere, the Lord working with them** and confirming the word through the accompanying signs.

Mark 2:1-2

And again Jesus entered Capernaum after some days, and it was heard that He was in the house. 2 Immediately many gathered together, so that there was no longer room to receive them, not even near the door. **And He preached** the word to them.

Eschatological Preaching

Matthew 24:14

"And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in all the world as a witness to all the nations, and then the end will come.

“The Authority” OF HIS EARTHLY WORK – THRU HEALING !

3.) Jesus Came to Earth to Heal

“...and **healing** all kinds of sickness and all kinds of disease among the people.”
Matthew 4:23c

a.) He Has Authority Over Traditions

Matthew 12:9-14

Now when He had departed from there, He went into their synagogue. 10 And behold, there was a man who had a withered hand. And they asked Him, saying, "Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath?"-- that they might accuse Him. 11 Then He said to them, "What man is there among you who has one sheep, and if it falls into a pit on the Sabbath, will not lay hold of it and lift it out? 12 "Of how much more value then is a man than a sheep? Therefore it is lawful to do good on the Sabbath." 13 Then He said to the man, "Stretch out your hand." And he stretched it out, and it was restored as whole as the other. 14 Then the Pharisees went out and plotted against Him, how they might destroy Him.

Mark 7:32-37

Then they brought to Him one who was deaf and had an impediment in his speech, and they begged Him to put His hand on him. 33 And He took him aside from the multitude, and put His fingers in his ears, and He spat and touched his tongue. 34 Then, looking up to heaven, He sighed, and said to him, "Ephphatha," that is, "Be opened." 35 Immediately his ears were opened, and the impediment of his tongue was loosed, and he spoke plainly. 36 Then He commanded them that they should tell no one; but the more He commanded them, the more widely they proclaimed it. 37 And they were astonished beyond measure, saying, "He has done all things well. He makes both the deaf to hear and the mute to speak."

b.) He Has Authority Over Suffering

Jesus Appeared and Used Suffering

Acts 10:38

"God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power, who went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with Him.

c.) He has Authority Over Death

Death was Empowered by Sin

Romans 5:12

1 Therefore, just as through one man sin entered the world, and death through sin, and thus death spread to all men, because all sinned--

But What if Sin is Removed?
then Death is also Taken Away with It

Hebrews 2:9

But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels, for the suffering of death crowned with glory and honor, that He, by the grace of God, might taste death for everyone.

1 Corinthians 15:55-58

"O Death, where is your sting? O Hades, where is your victory?" 56 The sting of death is sin, and the strength of sin is the law. 57 But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. 58 Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord.

Romans 6:7-9

For he who has died has been freed from sin. 8 Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with Him, 9 knowing that Christ, having been raised from the dead, dies no more. Death no longer has dominion over Him.

How Am I Better Off Because of His Earthly Work ?

The End