

**Rabbi**  
Snapshots of the Savior  
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Intro:

Today I want us to see Jesus the TEACHER...

- Yes came to save, but the quintessential teacher.
- He had 3 1/2 years to teach ALL the valuable information concerning life....

WHY was Jesus such a good teacher???

**Mt 7:28** "And it came to pass, when Jesus had ended these sayings, the people were **astonished** at his doctrine:"

**Mt 13:54** "And when he was come into his own country, he taught them in their synagogue, insomuch that they were **astonished**, and said, Whence hath this *man* this wisdom, and *these* mighty works?"

**Mt 22:22** "When they had heard *these words*, they **marvelled**, and left him, and went their way."

- \* People **walked miles** just to hear Jesus teach.
- \* People **scaled mountains** just to hear Jesus teach.
- \* People **climbed on roof-tops** just to hear Jesus teach.
- \* People **went without food for long periods of time** just to hear Jesus teach.

WHY?

**1. Jesus dealt with people's FELT NEEDS.**

- Read the gospels Jesus was all about IDENTIFICATION.
- \* The other religious leaders would NOT talk to the masses. (special venues & to elite)  
Jesus walked among them (women at the well; Nicodemus @ night; the rich young ruler)  
Whether they need healing, a word, a touch- **he always started there!**

**Lk 4:18-19 Jesus 1st sermon**

- \* **I'm going to preach the GOSPEL**= good news (**preach**= announce/ cry; **gospel**= evangelize)
- \* **Jesus CONNECTED with people**... sometimes he spoke to them, touched them, listened to them...
- \* Jesus was all about felt needs... He was all **about IDENTIFYING with us**...BUT He didn't stop there... He just didn't say, "**Well I met there felt needs- so that is that.**"
  - When Jesus dealt with felt needs he went to **INNOVATION**.
  - \* Every time he met a felt need he would illustrate it with a parable, a word picture, an example that the audience could identify with.
  - \* Something that the **RECTACULAR ACTIVATING SYSTEM** could identify with...
    - "That's something valuable, I better pay attention to that..."
- \* Jesus was the **Master Illustrator... Storyteller.** (Mt- John stories & sermons)  
(**74% of us are VISUAL learners**) Word pictures...

**Example:**

1. Piece of fruit with Adam & Eve
  2. Salt with Lot
  3. A ram with Abraham
  4. A basket with Moses
  5. Grapes with Samson
  6. A sling with David
  7. Ultimately a CROSS with Jesus... **Innovation / creativity.**
- \* **The Trinity**- all about creativity... God the Father/ Son/ Holy Spirit - (3 in 1... 1 in 3)
    - The Father **invented** innovation
    - The Son **modeled** innovation
    - The Spirit **empowers** innovation...
  - \* Jesus preached from boat bows, drew in the sand, picked up fish, pointed to a child, pointed to trees, talked about a sower, talked about a building falling down---

\* **CONTEMPORARY - CREATIVE, things that blew people away.**

**Mk 12:35-40**

\* **Some might say that we are into entertainment**... I laugh.

**Remember scripture:**

Mt 7:28 the crowds were astonished..."

Mt 13:54 "...they were astonished..."

Mt 22:22 "... they marveled..."

**Sounds like they were "entertained".**

Def. "**Entertain**"= "to hold the attention of..."

\*\*\* **THAT'S my GOAL!** - To entertain you- (by definition)

\* Hopefully you will never be bored coming to this church- is you are blame the communicator not God.

\* The church should be the most innovative. CREATIVE!

\* **Jesus was so creative:**

1. Jesus said- one time (picture a camel... a needle... get into the kingdom of God)

The wealthy were self-reliant... do you have wealth or does wealth have you?

2. Said you could take a tree chop of the branches & put them in your eye, but you could see the little bit of saw dust in someone else's contact lens - great word picture.

- We just like to judge others- Jesus said you just take care of your own life.

3. **If Jesus was here today 2007- would talk in modern terms...**

\* **Jesus the Master communicator, illustrator...**

1. He spoke **Aramaic the street language**, not classical Greek

2. His parables were well thought out they had meaning to them.

\* That is why we have tried to be innovative...

\* **Our challenge is to take something (WOG) very deep, complex, & challenging & make it SIMPLE.**

**NOT SIMPLISTIC**, but **SIMPLE.**

\* **Apostle Paul concerned about people making the WOG muddy, complex... 2 Cor. 11:3**

\* **All of us should have two things when we listen to a message:**

1. What do we need to **KNOW**...?

2. What do we need to **DO**!

\* My goal is not just get you here, but what will change your life between services...

Not just INFORMATION, but APPLICATION so there is TRANSFORMATION!

**69% of Christ's words were about APPLICATION.**

\* Where do we live out application- the venue of the local church?

- When gifted communicators give out the WOG- in any class supernatural stuff occurs.

**Heb. 10:25**

1. We should **gather together corporately** for teaching / feeding.

2. We should sit privately for feeding- at home (reading & studying the WOG)

3. We should have (soon) small group meetings - for relationships & biblical principles.

\* After Jesus Sermon on the Mount- Jesus said...**Mt. 7:25-27**

- Are you JUST hearing?

Or are you building you life on the Rock?

\* **We have two options when it comes to Christ...**

1. He was a fake, a fraud...

2. He was the Real thing- God in the flesh- the Sinless Son of God- the Savior of the world.

- \* The "good teacher" thing is an advertisement of someone's ignorance.
- \* Jesus said he was God!
  
- \* What is "**He**" in YOUR life?