

## LESSON NINE

# WHAT JESUS TAUGHT BY WORD AND DEED

### (PART ONE)

**INTRODUCTION:** In our previous lessons concerning the PERSON of JESUS CHRIST, we have considered his NATURE, PRE-EXISTENCE, ETERNAL PURPOSE, FIRST COMING and EVIDENCES OF HIS DIVINITY. Naturally, in such an intensive study, we have had to consider SOME of the things he himself SAID and DID already. It shall not be the object of this lesson, therefore, to cover the material already developed in this course. Rather our present purpose is to discover, especially, the KIND OF PERSONS JESUS TAUGHT HIS DISCIPLES TO BE – by WORD as well as by the EXAMPLE of his DEEDS. In this way we should be able to decide whether we want to be his disciples or not.

#### **I. PRINCIPLES LEARNED FROM JESUS' CHILDHOOD.**

- A.** His visit to the temple at age 12. (Luke 2:41-50)
  - 1. Prior to his visit, as he grew, he “waxed STRONG IN SPIRIT, (was) FILLED WITH WISDOM; and the GRACE OF GOD was upon him.” (Luke 2:40)
  - 2. The fact that he “tarried behind in Jerusalem” upon his parents’ return, demonstrates his ABSORBING INTEREST IN RELIGIOUS THINGS. (Luke 2:43)
  - 3. When, after three days, his parents found him, he was “in the temple, sitting in the midst of doctors, both hearing them and asking questions.” (Luke 2:46) This demonstrated that he
    - a. Was a GOOD LISTENER
    - b. Had an INQUIRING MIND
  - 4. All that heard him were astonished at
    - a. His UNDERSTANDING (showing INTELLIGENCE)
    - b. His ANSWERS (showing KNOWLEDGE) (Luke 2:47)
  - 5. When his mother questioned him about remaining behind, he demonstrated he already had FEELINGS OF RESPONSIBILITY TOWARD GOD, saying, “How is it that ye sought me? wist ye not that I MUST BE ABOUT MY FATHER’S BUSINESS?” (Luke 2:49)
- B.** Nevertheless, he also recognized his RESPONSIBILITY TO HIS EARTHLY PARENTS. (Luke 2:51)
  - 1. He returned with them to Nazareth.
  - 2. He was “SUBJECT” unto them (i.e. he OBEYED them)
- C.** “And Jesus increased
  - 1. “in WISDOM (mentally)
  - 2. “and STATURE (physically)
  - 3. “and in FAVOUR WITH GOD (spiritually)
  - 4. “and Man.” (socially)

**NOTE:** *The foregoing information from Luke is all that is recorded in the Bible of Jesus’ childhood between his parents’ first taking him to Nazareth from Egypt and the time he grew to be 30 years old.*

## **II. PRINCIPLES LEARNED FROM JESUS' EARLY MINISTRY.**

- A.** Though sinless, Jesus **INSISTED** on being baptized **ANYWAY**. (Matthew 3:13-15; Mark 1:9; Luke 3:21)
  - 1.** **REASON:** "For thus **IT BECOMETH US TO FULFILL ALL RIGHTEOUSNESS.**"
  - 2.** After his baptism, Jesus **PRAYED**. (Luke 3:21)
  - 3.** All this evidently was pleasing unto God. (Matthew 3:16-17; Mark 1:10-11; Luke 3:21-22)
- B.** Jesus used **GOD'S WORD** to **RESIST** and **OVERCOME TEMPTATION** (Matthew 4:1-11), saying, "**IT IS WRITTEN. . .**"
  - 1.** Man shall **LIVE BY GOD'S WORD**. (Matthew 4:4)
  - 2.** Man shall **NOT TEMPT GOD**. (Matthew 4:7)
  - 3.** Man shall **WORSHIP AND SERVE GOD ONLY**. (Matthew 4:10)

(Note: Also study Mark 1:12-13 and Luke 4:1-13)

- C.** Jesus **SATISFIED CURIOSITY**, **THREW DOWN A CHALLENGE** and **EXTENDED HOSPITALITY**.
  - 1.** When two of John's disciples heard him acknowledge Jesus as the "Lamb of God", they followed Jesus. (John 1:35-37)
  - 2.** When Jesus saw them following, he asked what they wanted. (John 1:38-39)
    - a. They asked where he lived.
    - b. He said, "Come and see."
- D.** In calling various ones to be his disciples, Jesus said, "**FOLLOW ME**," thus teaching by the **POWER OF HIS OWN EXAMPLE**.
  - 1.** He told Philip, "**FOLLOW ME**." (John 1:43)
  - 2.** He called Matthew, saying, "**FOLLOW ME**." (Matthew 9:9; Mark 2:13-14; Luke 5:27-28)
  - 3.** One disciple said, "Lord, suffer me first to go and bury my father." But Jesus said unto him, "**FOLLOW ME**"; and let the dead bury their dead. (Matthew 8:21-22)
  - 4.** To the rich young ruler, who asked, "What lack I yet?" Jesus said, "If thou wilt be perfect, go and sell that thou hast, and give to the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven: and come and **FOLLOW ME**." (Matthew 19:20-21; Mark 10:21; Luke 18:22)
  - 5.** To **FOLLOW CHRIST** means **SELF-DENIAL** and **SACRIFICE**. (Matthew 16:24; Mark 8:34; Luke 9:23)
  - 6.** "And he that taketh not his cross, and **FOLLOWETH** after me," Jesus said, "it is not worthy of me." (Matthew 10:38)
  - 7.** "Then answered Peter and said unto him, Behold, we have forsaken all, and **FOLLOWED THEE**; what shall we have therefore? And Jesus said unto them, Verily I say unto you, that ye which have **FOLLOWED ME**, in the regeneration when the Son of man shall sit in the throne of his glory, ye also shall sit upon the twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. And every one that hath forsaken houses, or brethren, or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, or children, or lands, for my name's sake, shall receive in hundred-fold, and shall inherit everlasting life." (Matthew 19:27-29; Mark 10:28-30; Luke 22:28-30)

- E.** Jesus paid well deserved COMPLIMENTS where appropriate:
1. Of NATHANIEL: "Behold an Israelite indeed, in whom is no guile." (John 1:47)
  2. Of the CENTURION: "I have not found so great a faith, no not in Israel." (Matthew 5:5-8, 10-13; Luke 7:1-10)
- F.** Jesus' INDUSTRIOUSNESS should stimulate followers to greater ZEAL. Even a partial listing of his preaching and healing journeys is impressive:
1. "Now when Jesus had heard that John was cast into prison, he DEPARTED INTO GALILEE, and LEAVING NAZARETH, he CAME AND DWELTH IN CAPERNAUM. . ." (Matthew 4:12-13)
  2. "And Jesus, WALKING BY THE SEA OF GALILEE. . ." (Matthew 4:18)
  3. "And Jesus WENT ABOUT ALL GALILEE, TEACHING in their synagogues and PREACHING the gospel of the kingdom, and HEALING all manner of sickness and all manner of disease among the people." (Matthew 4:23)
  4. "When he was COME DOWN FROM THE MOUNTAIN, great multitudes followed him." (Matthew 8:1)
  5. "And when Jesus was ENTERED INTO CAPERNAUM. . ." (Matthew 8:5)
  6. "And when Jesus WAS COME INTO PETER'S HOUSE. . ." (Matthew 8:14)
  7. "Now when Jesus saw great multitudes about him, he gave commandment to DEPART UNTO THE OTHER SIDE. . . And when he was entered into ship, his disciple followed him. . . and when he was COME TO THE OTHER SIDE into the country of the Gergesenes. . ." (Matthew 8:18, 23, 28)
  8. "And as Jesus PASSED FORTH FROM THENCE. . ." (Matthew 9:9)
  9. "While he spake these things unto them, behold, there came a certain ruler, and worshipped him, saying, My daughter is even now dead: but come and lay thy hand upon her, and she shall live. And JESUS AROSE, AND FOLLOWED HIM, and so did his disciples . . . And when Jesus CAME INTO THE RULER'S HOUSE . . ." (Matthew 9:18-23)
  10. "And Jesus WENT ABOUT ALL THE CITIES AND VILLAGES, TEACHING in their synagogues, and PREACHING the gospel of the kingdom, and HEALING every sickness and every disease among the people." (Matthew 9:35)
  11. "And it came to pass, when Jesus had made an end of commanding his twelve disciples, he DEPARTED THENCE TO TEACH AND TO PREACH IN THEIR CITIES." (Matthew 11:1)

**NOTE: And so the record of his ministry goes – on and on – showing that HE DID NOT WAIT FOR THE PEOPLE TO COME TO HIM, but he CARRIED HIS CAMPAIGN OF GOOD WORKS AGGRESSIVELY TO THE PEOPLE.**

- G.** Jesus set himself AGAINST COMMERCIALIZING RELIGION.
1. He went up to Jerusalem to observe the Jews' Passover. (John 2:13-16)
  2. There he "found in the temple those that sold oxen and sheep and doves, and the changers of money sitting." (John 2:14)
    - a. He DROVE THE TEMPLE MERCHANTS, MONEY CHANGERS, SHEEP AND OXEN OUT OF THE TEMPLE. (John 2:15)

- b. He **POURED OUT THE CHANGERS' MONEY**
  - c. He **OVERTHREW THE TABLES**
  - d. He said to the dove-sellers, "Take these things hence; make not my Father's house a house of merchandise."
- H. Jesus taught we must be "BORN AGAIN", not fleshly but SPIRITUALLY. (John 3:1-12)**
  - 1. "Except a man be BORN AGAIN, he cannot see the kingdom of God."
  - 2. "Except a man be BORN AGAIN OF WATER AND OF THE SPIRIT, he CANNOT ENTER INTO THE KINGDOM OF GOD."
  - 3. When Nicodemus questioned, "How can these things be?" Jesus
    - a. Answered his question with a question: "*Art thou a master of Israel, and knoweth not these things?*"
    - b. Reproved him gently: "We speak that we do know, and testify that we have seen; and ye receive not our witness. If I have told you earthly things, and ye believe not, how shall ye believe, if I tell you of heavenly things?"
- I. BELIEVERS IN CHRIST NOT TO PERISH, BUT HAVE ETERNAL LIFE. (John 3:15-18)**
  - 1. God gave his only begotten Son (Jesus)
    - a. Because he loved the world
    - b. Not to condemn the world
    - c. But that the world through him might be saved.
- J. If people are condemned, they should not, therefore, blame Jesus, but themselves. (John 3:18-21)**
  - 1. He that BELIEVES ON CHRIST IS NOT CONDEMNED.
  - 2. But he that does NOT believe IS CONDEMNED, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.
  - 3. This is the condemnation:
    - a. That light is come into the world; but that
    - b. Men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil.
  - 4. Evil-doers:
    - a. Hate the light
    - b. Do not come to the light, lest their deeds be reproved.
  - 5. Truth-doers:
 

Comes to the light that his deeds might be made manifest that they are wrought in God.
- K. Jesus BAPTIZED.**
  - 1. John's disciples reported Jesus' baptizing to John. (John 3:26)
  - 2. John rejoiced concerning this. (John 3:27-36)
  - 3. Jesus made and baptized more disciples than John. (John 4:1)
  - 4. Jesus let his disciples do the actual baptizing. (John 4:2)
- L. Jesus RESTED WHEN TIRED. (John 4:4-27)**

However he took even this occasion to teach a woman of Samaria.

  - 1. This woman came to Jacob's well to draw water.
  - 2. Jesus, who was sitting on the well, asked, "Give me to drink."

3. Since Jewish people had no dealings with Samaritans, she asked him why he asked her for a drink.
  4. He said if she knew who he was she would ask of him and he would give her "LIVING WATER"
    - a. Whoever drank of Jacob's well water would thirst again.
    - b. "But whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him, shall NEVER THIRST."
    - c. "But the water that I shall give him shall be in him a WELL OF WATER SPRINGING UP INTO EVERLASTING LIFE."
  5. Jesus informed this woman that "SALVATION IS OF THE JEWS."
  6. TRUE WORSHIPPER WORSHIP GOD "IN SPIRIT AND IN TRUTH."
  7. Jesus revealed that he is "that MESSIAS . . . which is called CHRIST," who, when he came, would "TELL . . . ALL THINGS."
- M.** Jesus told his disciples of a special kind of "MEAT." (John 3:31-34)
1. Jesus said, "I have meat to eat, that ye know not of."
  2. "My meat is to DO THE WILL OF HIM THAT SENT ME and FINISH HIS WORK."
- N.** On SOWING and REAPING. (John 3:35-38)
1. "Say not ye, There are yet four months, and then cometh harvest."
  2. "LIFT UP YOUR EYES and LOOK ON THE FIELDS, for they are WHITE ALREADY TO HARVEST."
  3. REAP, RECEIVE WAGES, GATHER FRUIT UNTO LIFE ETERNAL.
  4. SOWERS and REAPERS REJOICE TOGETHER.
    - a. One sows
    - b. Another reaps
    - c. When one reaps where another sowed, he "enters into" his labours.
- O.** Jesus represented himself as FULFILLING SCRIPTURES. (Luke 4:16-21)
1. He came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up.
  2. As his custom was, he went into the synagogue on the Sabbath day, and stood up to read.
    - a. There was delivered unto him the book of the prophet Esaias
    - b. When he opened the book, he found the place where it is written. "THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD IS UPON ME, BECAUSE HE HATH ANOINTED ME TO PREACH THE GOSPEL TO THE POOR; HE HATH SENT ME TO HEAL THE BROKEN-HEARTED, TO PREACH DELIVERANCE TO THE CAPTIVES, AND RECOVERING OF SIGHT TO THE BLIND. TO SET AT LIBERTY THEM THAT ARE BRUISED, TO PREACH THE ACCEPTABLE YEAR OF THE LORD."
  3. He closed the book, gave it again to the minister, and sat down.
    - a. The eyes of all that were in the synagogue were fastened on him.
    - b. He said, "THIS DAY IS THIS SCRIPTURE FULFILLED IN YOUR EARS."
    - c. He then taught, "NO PROPHET IS ACCEPTED IN HIS OWN COUNTRY."
- P.** Jesus intended his disciples be "FISHERS OF MEN."

1. In evidence of this, he called Simon and Andrew – (Matthew 4:18-20; Mark 1:16-18)
  - a. They were fishers.
  - b. Jesus said, “Come ye after me, and I will make you to become FISHERS OF MEN.”
  - c. They forsook their nets and followed him.
- Q. Jesus began preaching that “THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN” was AT HAND. (Matthew 4:17)
  1. In view of this he taught the people to “REPENT”
  2. Also to “BELIEVE THE GOSPEL.” (Mark 1:14-15)
- R. Jesus’ WORD was WITH POWER (Luke 4:32; Mark 1:22)  
 Therefore the people were astonished at his DOCTRINE.  
 All said, “What a word is this! for with AUTHORITY and POWER he COMMANDETH the unclean spirits, and they came out.” (Mark 1:27; Luke 4:36)
- S. JESUS REFUSED JUST TO STAY IN ONE PLACE. (Luke 4:42-43)
  1. The people tried to stay him.
  2. But he said, “I must PREACH the KINGDOM OF GOD to OTHER CITIES ALSO; for THEREFORE AM I SENT.”
  3. So he went about all Galilee,
    - a. TEACHING in their synagogues
    - b. PREACHING the gospel of the kingdom
    - c. HEALING all manner of sickness and disease.
- T. As a rule, when he DID GOOD to someone, he INSTRUCTED that one NOT TO TELL IT!
  1. For instance, take the healing of the leper. (Matthew 8:1-4; Mark 1:40-44; Luke 5:12-14)
    - a. Jesus healed him, saying, as he touched him, “I will; be thou clean.”
    - b. Then he told him not to tell anyone else, but to
    - c. Go show himself to the priest and
    - d. Offer for his cleansing as Moses commanded (the Old Testament being still of force during Jesus’ life-time before his crucifixion).

**NOTE: This could have been the self-effacement of HUMILITY, or it MIGHT ALSO have been JESUS’ INSIGHT INTO HUMAN NATURE. For if you want something TOLD, just tell someone NOT to tell it! Rather than showing himself to the priest, this healed leper told so many about his healing that Jesus could no more openly enter the city because of the crowds. (Mark 1:45; Luke 5:15) He stayed in desert places, and yet people came to him from every quarter.**

- U. Jesus reproved EVIL-THINKING IN HEART. (Matthew 9:4; Mark 2:8; Luke 5:22)
- V. He demonstrated he had POWER TO FORGIVE SINS. (Matthew 9:4-6; Mark 2:8-11; Luke 5:22-24)
- W. Rather than GLORY-SEEKING, Jesus practiced SELF-EFFACEMENT. For example:
  1. Jesus healed an impotent man. (John 5:2-9)

2. Rather than standing around to be applauded, Jesus conveyed himself away after this miracle. (John 5:13)
3. Later he sought the man out in the temple, saying, "Behold, thou art made whole: SIN NO MORE, lest a worse thing come unto thee." (John 5:14)

**X. Jesus DIGNIFIED WORK.**

He said, "MY FATHER WORKETH hitherto, and I WORK" (John 5:17)

**Y. The Jews sought the more to kill Jesus because HE MADE HIMSELF EQUAL WITH GOD. (John 5:18)**

Jesus answered –

1. "The SON can do nothing of himself, but what he seeth the FATHER do: for whatsoever things he doeth, these also doeth the SON likewise." (John 5:19)
2. "The FATHER loveth the SON, and SHOWETH HIM ALL THINGS THAT HIMSELF DOETH." (John 5:20)
3. "He will show him greater works than these, that ye may marvel." (John 5:20)
4. "As the FATHER raiseth up the dead, and quickeneth them: even so the SON quickeneth whom he will." (John 5:21)
5. "The FATHER judgeth no man, but HATH COMMITTED ALL JUDGEMENT UNTO THE SON: that ALL MEN SHOULD HONOUR THE SON, EVEN AS THEY HONOUR THE FATHER." (John 5:22-23)
6. "HE THAT HONOURETH NOT THE SON HONOURETH NOT THE FATHER which hath sent him." (John 5:23)
7. "He that HEARETH my word, and BELIEVETH ON HIM THAT SENT ME, HATH EVERLASTING LIFE, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life." (John 5:24)
8. "The hour is coming and now is, when the DEAD SHALL HEAR THE VOICE OF THE SON OF GOD: and THEY THAT HEAR SHALL LIVE." (John 5:25)
9. "As the FATHER HATH LIFE IN HIMSELF; so hath he given to the SON to HAVE LIFE IN HIMSELF." (John 5:26)
10. "Hath given him AUTHORITY to execute judgement also, because he is the Son of man." (John 5:27)
11. "Marvel not at this: for the hour is coming in which ALL WHICH ARE IN THE GRAVES SHALL HEAR HIS VOICE, AND SHALL COME FORTH; they that have DONE GOOD unto the RESURRECTION OF LIFE; and they that have DONE EVIL, unto the RESURRECTION OF DAMNATION." (John 5:28-29)
12. "I can of mine own self do nothing." (John 5:30)
13. "As I HEAR, I JUDGE." (John 5:30)
14. "MY JUDGEMENT IS JUST because I SEEK NOT MINE OWN WILL, but the WILL OF THE FATHER which hath sent me." (John 5:30)
15. "If I bear witness of myself, my witness is not true." (John 5:31)
16. "There is ANOTHER that BEARETH WITNESS OF ME, and I know the witness which HE witnesseth is true." (John 5:32)
17. "YE sent unto John, and HE bears witness unto the truth." (John 5:33)

18. "I RECEIVE NOT TESTIMONY FROM MAN: but these things I say that ye might be saved." (John 5:34)
19. "He (John) was a burning and shining light." (John 5:35)
20. "Ye were willing for a season to rejoice in his light." (John 5:35)
21. "I HAVE A GREATER WITNESS THAN THAT OF JOHN, for THE WORKS WHICH THE FATHER HATH GIVEN ME TO FINISH, the SAME WORKS THAT I DO BEAR WITNESS OF ME THAT THE FATHER HATH SENT ME." (John 5:36)
22. "The FATHER HIMSELF, which sent me, HATH BORNE WITNESS OF ME.
  - a. "Ye have neither heard his voice at any time, nor seen his shape." (John 5:37)
  - b. "Ye have not his word abiding in you: for WHOM HE HATH SENT, him ye believe not." (John 5:38)
23. "SEARCH THE SCRIPTURES: for in them ye think ye have eternal life. They are they which TESTIFY OF ME." (John 5:39)
24. "Ye will not COME TO ME, THAT YE MIGHT HAVE LIFE." (John 5:40)
25. "I RECEIVE NOT HONOUR FROM MEN." (John 5: 41)
26. "I know you, that ye have not the LOVE OF GOD in you." (John 5:42)
27. "I AM COME IN MY FATHER'S NAME, and ye receive me not." (John 5:43)
28. "If another shall come in his own name, him ye will receive." (John 5:43)
29. "HOW CAN YE BELIEVE, which RECEIVE HONOUR ONE OF ANOTHER and SEEK NOT THE HONOUR THAT COMETH FROM GOD ONLY?" (John 5:44)
30. "Do not think that I will accuse you to the Father: there is one that accuseth you, even MOSES, in whom ye trust." (John 5:45)
  - a. "Had ye BELIEVED MOSES, ye would have BELIEVED ME: for he WROTE ON ME." (John 5:46)
  - b. "If ye believe not HIS WRITINGS, how shall ye believe MY WORDS?" (John 5:47)

**NOTE:** At this point we have reached roughly the half-way mark in Jesus' earthly ministry. So as not to make our study of what he taught unduly cumbersome, let us break it into two 'parts', as we did our study of the 'law' and 'evidences of Jesus' divinity'. In our NEXT LESSON, we shall consider what Jesus taught in his LATER MINISTRY. But for now, let us turn to the QUESTIONS ON THE LESSON and see what answers we can develop. Remember now, UNLESS YOU LOOK UP THE SCRIPTURE QUOTATIONS cited in each point, A PERFECT SCORE IS PRACTICALLY IMPOSSIBLE. So ANSWER THESE QUESTIONS with your BIBLE OPEN!



## QUESTIONS ON LESSON NINE

1. In our previous lessons concerning the person of Jesus Christ, what five main topics have we already covered?

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2. What is the purpose of this present lesson?

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3. What reason did Jesus give his parents for tarrying behind in Jerusalem upon their return home from visiting the Temple?

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4. In what 4 respects did Jesus increase on his return to Nazareth?

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5. Quote Jesus' reason for insisting on being baptized:

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6. What did Jesus use in resisting and overcoming temptation?

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7. What two words did Jesus use repeatedly showing he expects us to be like him? Are those who follow him to be rewarded? \_\_\_\_\_

8. List three things Jesus did, when he went about all the cities and villages.

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9. What did Jesus do whereby we know he opposed commercializing religion?

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10. Is it necessary to be "born again" to enter into the kingdom of God? Is this new birth of water or the spirit or both?

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11. Did God send Jesus into the world to condemn the world? If so, then why?

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**12.** Who made and baptized more disciples – Jesus or John?

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**13.** Did Jesus do the actual baptizing of his disciples? If not, then who did it in his stead?

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**14.** What kind of water does Jesus have to give?

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**15.** What effect has this water on the one who receives it?

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**16.** Does this place of worship determine its acceptability to God? If not, what constitutes true worship?

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**17.** What did Jesus offer to make of Simon and Andrew?

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**18.** In preaching that “the kingdom of heaven” was at hand, what two things did Jesus preach to be done?

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**19.** What scriptures passage quotes Jesus as saying, “wherefore think ye evil in your hearts?”

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**20.** How did Jesus demonstrate that he had power to forgive sins?

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**21.** Why did the Jews seek the more to kill Jesus?

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**22.** Should all men honour Jesus as the Son of God?

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**23.** If we do not honour as the Son of God, do we honour God?

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**24.** Why search the scriptures?

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**25.** If we believed Moses, should we also believe Jesus?

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