

Jesus, the teacher Part 1

As a teacher, Jesus is unique –

First, he *chose his own pupils*. He didn't merely accept a class that others selected and gave him.

Second, he *wasn't a paid "professional" teacher*. He had no salary, no rigid timetable, wasn't answerable to education authorities.

Third, he *had no set classroom, or lesson times*. He taught in the Temple, in synagogues, on a mountainside, from a fisherman's boat, in a private house, out on the road.

Fourth, he *followed no set text book on teaching*. Yet his teaching content has been the theme of thousands of text-books! It could be said that he used two text-books – the Old Testament scriptures, and the book of Nature.

Fifth, *his miracles were real events*. There was nothing mythical about their special emphasis on mercy.

Sixth, *what he taught still stands*. It has never been superseded or proved wrong.

Seventh, *when arrested, he still taught*. "They led Jesus away to the high priest." Now a palace became his schoolroom, and the high priest became his pupil! Mark 14.53; 61-62.

Eighth, *his teaching has changed the world*. Through his long-term, far-reaching, global influence he has indeed proved to be the greatest teacher of all time.

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"No man ever spoke like this man!" John 7.46.

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