

Jesus Taught

Of all that Jesus did during his ministry, the Gospels repeatedly tell us it was his teaching that amazed people. What made his instruction so astonishing and distinct from the other rabbis of his day? Join us as we study both the content and the style of Jesus' teaching in the Gospels of Matthew and Mark. Together we'll seek to understand his message, grow deeper in faith, and allow his teaching to influence our own discipleship and ministry today.

AWARENESS Before listening reflect on what you already know or understand about topics we'll cover in the episode.

- Was there a teacher that made a lasting impact on you? If so, what made this teacher stand out from the others?
- What does it mean to be a disciple?



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READ [Mark 1:21-28](#), [Matthew 5](#), [Matthew 7:24-28](#)

REFLECTION After listening, consider the following questions:

- Why does it matter that Jesus's teaching builds upon or reinterprets Jewish tradition ("taking what's old and making it new") as opposed to teaching something brand new?
- How does teaching or sharing what we've learned also help us grow as disciples?
- In what ways are you engaging in lifelong spiritual learning? How are you intentionally exercising your faith and growing as a disciple of Christ?
- We aren't all called to be preachers or even Bible study leaders. If the idea of teaching in those settings makes you want to hide, how else might you exercise your teaching muscle to share what you've learned from digging in to scripture and life with Christ?
- At the close of the episode, host Scott Hoezee says, "**What** do we teach? Well, Jesus just said it: Everything I taught you...Dave, the **how** do we teach others?" Host Dave Bast answers, "the how is answered also by Jesus. We teach the same way he did, with grace, with acceptance, with forgiveness, with tolerance for the people who are burdened with their sins." What do you think is more challenging for you—teaching *what* Jesus taught or teaching *how* Jesus taught? Why?

RELATED PASSAGES for further study

[Matthew 13:52](#), [Matthew 28:18b-20](#)

CONCLUSION

Spend some time reflecting on and praying about your answers to the above questions. Close your time of prayer with this prayer from *Canyon Road: A Book of Prayer*, by Kari Kristina Reeves.

“Teach me how to live like you live.

Teach me how to think like you think.

Teach me how to feel like you feel.

Teach me how to love like you love.

Teach me how to breathe in the Spirit of life, and exhale the Spirit of life, moving always in oneness with you, my God. Be my Teacher, be my Guide, God of heaven, God of earth, God of the sun, God of the moon, God of the galaxies, God of the oceans, God of the mountains, God of the jungles, God of the snowcaps, God of the skies,

Receive my prayer, receive me” (p. 85).

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