

JESUS AS TEACHER: PAR EXCELLENCE OR SUI GENERIS?

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What is Matthew getting at?

- 3 steps to teaching like Jesus!
- Jesus didn't teach – he preached! He was a “preacher!”
- How I teach like Jesus?
- How I'm the great communicator – the greatest since Paul and Jesus and...

This is not a “how to” text but an “Oh my” text – Who is this Jesus???

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Matthew 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?** **Matthew 13:55** Is not this the carpenter's son? is not his mother called Mary? and his brethren, James, and Joses, and Simon, and Judas? **Matthew 13:56** And his sisters, are they not all with us? Whence then hath this man all these things? **Matthew 13:57** And they were offended in him. But Jesus said unto them, A prophet is not without honour, save in his own country, and in his own house.

Par Excellence or Sui Generis? It is Sui Generis all the way!

1. That He taught...& taught deeply and broadly and...!

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Matthew 11:1 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 13:53 And it came to pass, that when Jesus had finished these parables, he departed thence.

Matthew 19:1 And it came to pass, that when Jesus had finished these sayings, he departed from Galilee, and came into the coasts of Judaea beyond Jordan;

Matthew 26:1 And it came to pass, when Jesus had finished all these sayings, he said unto his disciples,

Teaching Blocks:	Activities, events, actions:
5-7	8-9
10	11-12
13	14-17
18	19-23
24-25	

2. What He taught!

We can easily overlook what and how much Jesus taught!

Not all of it was absolutely unique but as a collection – sui generis!

Beatitudes	Salt & light	How to treat your enemies
How to give, pray & fast	Lord's Prayer for His disciples	Money
Worry	The Kingdom now & in the future	The future

3. How He taught!

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This is the ultimate break with all comparisons:

Levels of authority:

5. No authority - simply someone's opinion / emotion

4. Authority of the Scribes – which was only scribes!

Authority comes from the scribes before you that you follow!

Matthew 15:1 Then came to Jesus scribes and Pharisees, which were of Jerusalem, saying, Matthew 15:2 **Why do thy disciples transgress the tradition of the elders?** for they wash not their hands when they eat bread.

3. Authority of a Pastor / Teacher – “it is written!”

I (or a pastor) have no personal, inherent authority!

God ← Word / Scripture ← Pastor

2. Authority of a Prophet &/ an Apostle – “Thus saith the Lord!”

Ultimately the authority is God himself.

1. The Authority of Jesus – “**But I say unto you!**”

Matthew 5:21 **Ye have heard that it was said by them of old time,** Thou shalt not kill; and whosoever shall kill shall be in danger of the judgment: Matthew 5:22 **But I say unto you,** That whosoever is angry with his brother without a cause shall be in danger of the judgment: and whosoever shall say to his brother, Raca, shall be in danger of the council: but whosoever shall say, Thou fool, shall be in danger of hell fire.

Matthew 5:27 **Ye have heard that it was said by them of old time,** Thou shalt not commit adultery: Matthew 5:28 **But I say unto you,** That whosoever looketh on a woman to lust after her hath committed adultery with her already in his heart.

Matthew 5:31 **It hath been said,** Whosoever shall put away his wife, let him give her a writing of divorcement: Matthew 5:32 **But I say unto you,** That whosoever shall put away his wife, saving for the cause of fornication, causeth her to commit adultery: and whosoever shall marry her that is divorced committeth adultery.

Matthew 5:33 **Again, ye have heard that it hath been said by them of old time,** Thou shalt not forswear thyself, but shalt perform unto the Lord thine oaths: Matthew 5:34 **But I say unto you,** Swear not at all; neither by heaven; for it is God's throne:

Matthew 5:38 **Ye have heard that it hath been said,** An eye for an eye, and a tooth for a tooth: Matthew 5:39 **But I say unto you,** That ye resist not evil: but whosoever shall smite thee on thy right cheek, turn to him the other also.

Matthew 5:43 **Ye have heard that it hath been said,** Thou shalt love thy neighbour, and hate thine enemy. Matthew 5:44 **But I say unto you,** Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you;

4. Who taught!

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The teaching of Jesus was never meant to just communicate but to force us to deal with who was teaching! Who is **this** man?