

The Story of Jesus

(Lesson 7)

Introduction:

1. To help us grow in the knowledge of Christ (2 Peter 3:18) we are studying "The Story of Jesus."
2. In this lesson we are covering information that relates to "Jesus' sermons and parables."
3. Let us begin our study by pointing out that . . .

Discussion:

- I. JESUS' WORK CONSISTED PRIMARILY OF TEACHING AND PREACHING
 - A. Following His baptism (Matthew 3:13-17) and temptation (Matthew 4:1-11), Jesus began His ministry by preaching (Matthew 4:17).
 - B. He taught multitudes of people in many areas (Matthew 4:23-25; 9:35; 11:1).
- II. JESUS WAS A VERY EFFECTIVE TEACHER AND PREACHER
 - A. The responses of the people who heard Jesus indicate that He was effective.
 1. Matthew 7:28-29
 2. Mark 12:37
 3. Luke 5:1
 4. John 7:32, 45-46
 - B. In addition to being a teacher, Jesus was a "doer" (Acts 1:1).
- III. IN HIS TEACHING JESUS ADDRESSED MANY SUBJECTS, USING A VARIETY OF METHODS
 - A. In His "parable of the sower," Jesus illustrated the importance of hearing God's Word properly.
 1. Jesus first presented the parable (Luke 8:4-8).
 2. Jesus also explained the parable (Luke 8:11-15).
 3. Jesus gave a serious warning concerning the way we hear (Luke 8:18).
 - B. In His discussion with Nicodemus, Jesus showed that one must be born again to become a member of God's kingdom (John 3:1-7).
 - C. In His "Sermon on the Mount," Jesus presented some important information about prayer (Matthew 6:5-15).
 1. We must not pray like hypocrites (vs.5-6).
 2. We must not pray like heathens (vs.7-8).
 3. Jesus gave His model prayer (vs.9-13).
 4. Jesus emphasized the necessity of forgiveness (vs.14-15).
 - D. (John 14:1-6) As Jesus comforted His disciples' hearts, He spoke to them about heaven as well as His return.