

# Stop

at Bible Class

# Look

at Jesus' Works

# Listen

to Jesus' Words



Lesson 10

## Jesus' Teaching

**Theme:** Faith—Believing Jesus' words are the words of God

### Memory Verse

“This beginning of His signs Jesus did in Cana of Galilee, and manifested His glory, and His disciples believed in Him.”  
John 2:11

### Daily Bible Readings

Thursday	Matthew 13:53-57; 14:1-12
Friday	Matthew 15:1-11, 16-20
Saturday	Matthew 16:5-12
Monday	Matthew 16:13-21, 24-27
Tuesday	Matthew 17:1-13

After this lesson you should be able to ...

- Describe the purpose of leaven and how it works
- Tell why we need Jesus' words
- Tell who God wants us to listen to

**J**esus was in the world teaching and preaching the good news of the kingdom. He was telling people that they could be saved from sin by following God's way. Jesus explained that His words were not only His own, but the words of His Father. He said we will be judged by His words in the last day. If we want to follow Jesus, we must listen to and follow His words.

### Matthew 13:53-57, 14:1-12

Circle all correct answers. What did the people of Nazareth think about Jesus?

Son of God          carpenter's son  
just one of Mary's children

Matching:

Herod	was beheaded
Daughter of Herodias	reported it to Jesus
John the Baptist	had John beheaded
His disciples	asked for John's head





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**Matthew 15:1-11, 16-20**

The Pharisees honored God with their:

heart      lips      sacrifices

What we say and do comes from our:

books      parents      hearts

**Jesus' Hard Words**

Jesus' words were powerful, but sometimes they were hard for people to understand or to follow. One time Jesus went to His hometown of Nazareth and taught in the synagogue. People were amazed by His teaching, but they couldn't figure it out. They knew Jesus' family. They had watched Him grow up in Nazareth like many other children.

Now they had trouble accepting His words as being from God. People of Nazareth wondered where Jesus got such wisdom and power.

Many Pharisees found Jesus' words hard to hear. The Pharisees often added many of their own ideas to the Scriptures, but Jesus kept coming back to the Word of God. Pharisees often liked their own ideas better than what God said in His Word. Jesus warned people about the Pharisees' teaching. He called it leaven, which is yeast put in bread to make it rise. It only takes a little yeast to make a lot of bread because it spreads through the dough. Jesus warned that thinking like the Pharisees is dangerous, because if we start thinking we can change Jesus' words just a little, it won't be long before we change them a lot.

**Matthew 16:5-12**

Using your Bible dictionary, define "leaven."

The "leaven" Jesus was talking about was a) Jesus' teaching, b) yeast, c) Pharisees' and Sadducees' teaching



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**Matthew 16:13-21, 24-27**

Because He was God's Son, what would Jesus build?

a tabernacle      His church      a temple

What did Jesus know would happen to Him?

preach      be raised up      suffer and die

To follow Jesus, we must obey Jesus \_\_\_\_\_.

when we can      most of the time      completely

**Jesus' Words about His Church**

People had many ideas about Jesus. Some thought He was John the Baptist or an Old Testament prophet. Jesus' apostles spent more time with Him than anyone else. They heard Jesus' words and saw His mighty works. Jesus asked them, "Who do you think I am?" Peter said, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." Peter

was right, and Jesus explained that because of who He was He would build His church.

Jesus would suffer and die and be raised from the dead. Jesus called people to follow and obey Him. Jesus' church is people who follow Him with all their hearts and listen carefully to His words.

### Hearing Jesus' Words

One day Jesus took Peter, James, and John up on a mountain. While the men were there, Jesus was transfigured before them. This means the way Jesus looked changed. His face became extremely bright and his clothes became like a brilliant white light. For a few moments, Jesus' glory shined through his flesh! As the three disciples looked on, Moses and Elijah appeared with Jesus. These were important messengers of God in the Old Testament.

The disciples didn't know what to say. Suddenly, a bright cloud came around everyone and a voice spoke out of the cloud saying: "This is My beloved Son, with whom I am well-pleased; listen to Him." It was God speaking, and the disciples fell down afraid. When they looked up again, only Jesus was left. Moses and Elijah had vanished! This was God's way of saying the days of the Old Testament were past. He now wants everyone to listen to His Son.

We must listen to Jesus and follow His words. Not everything Jesus said is easy to follow, but it is always right and best. Peter once said about Jesus, "You have words of eternal life" (John 6:68-69). He does, and we must listen to Him!

### Matthew 17:1-13

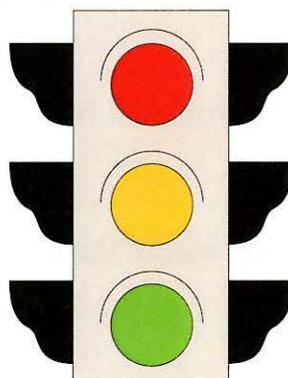
Define "transfiguration" —



What two men appeared with Jesus on the mountain?

The voice from heaven said to listen to whom?

I really like to do things my way instead of God's way.



Put an X in the light that best describes you.

**Red** — most of the time

**Yellow** — sometimes

**Green** — never

# **SLOW** DOWN TO THINK

You have two close friends. All of you try to follow God. You spend a lot of time together. One of your friends keeps wanting to ask another girl to do everything with the three of you. You know the other girl often uses bad language and is sneaky and lies. Do you want to include her? Do you want to include her all the time? Why or why not?

# **GO** FOR THE BIBLE FACTS

Write the names of Jacob's sons. If you need help, see Genesis 35:23-26.

What book of the New Testament is about practical living for Jesus?

Find the city of Caesarea Philippi on a map inside the back cover.