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"There was a man of the Pharisees, named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. This man came to Jesus by night, and said unto Him, 'Rabbi, we know that You are a **Teacher** come from God; for no man can do these miracles that You do, except God be with Him.'" (John 3:1-2)

"But do not be called Rabbi, for One is your **Teacher**, even Christ; and you are all brethren. And call no man your father upon the earth, for One is your Father, who is in heaven. Neither be called leaders, for One is your Leader, even Christ. (Matthew 23:8-10)

"And he sent forth two of His disciples, and said unto them, 'Go into the city, and there shall you meet a man bearing a pitcher of water; follow him. And wherever he shall go into, say to the owner of the house, 'The **Teacher** says, 'Where is the guest-chamber, where I shall eat the passover with My disciples?' ' ' " (Mark 14:13-14)

Teacher: from the Greek word **didaskalos** which means: an instructor; a teacher, (a master - in the sense of being a greatly skilled teacher). (a masculine noun derived from **didáskā**, "to teach" - (literally, "cause to learn")) – a teacher, an instructor acknowledged for their mastery in their field of learning; in Scripture, a Bible teacher, competent in religious doctrine, and theology. A teacher: one who teaches concerning the things of God, and the duties of man.

Teaching: from the Greek word **didaskō** which means: to teach (literally, "cause to learn"); instruct, impart knowledge (disseminate information). ~ taught, teach:

Pupil, or Disciple: from the Greek word **mathētās** which means: a learner, a disciple, a pupil. (from **mathō**, the "mental effort needed to think something through"). Properly, a learner; a disciple, a follower of Christ who learns the doctrines of Scripture and the lifestyle they require; someone catechized with proper instruction from the Bible with its necessary follow-through (life-applications).

Jesus used this title when referring to Himself; and friends and foes used this title when addressing Jesus with requests. Consider these brief excerpts:

- "Then certain of the scribes and of the Pharisees answered, saying, **Teacher**, we want to see a sign from You." (Matthew 12:38)
- "But when the Pharisees had heard that He had put the Sadducees to silence, they gathered together. Then one of them, who was a lawyer, asked Him a question, tempting Him, saying, '**Teacher**, which is the great commandment in the Law? Jesus said unto him, '*you shalt love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the first and great commandment.* And the second is like unto it: *you shalt love your neighbor as yourself.* On these two commandments hang all the Law and the prophets. (Matthew 22:34-40)
- "And, behold, one came and said unto Him, Good **Teacher**, what thing shall I do, that I may have eternal life? (Luke 18:18)
- "And James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came unto Him (Jesus), saying, '**Teacher**, we ask that You would do for us whatever we shall desire." (Mark 10:35)
- "And they sent unto him certain of the Pharisees and of the Herodians, to catch Him in His words. And when they had come, they said unto Him, **Teacher**, we know that You are true, and favor no one, for You are not partial towards anyone, but teaches the way of God in truth: Is it lawful to give tribute to Cæsar, or not? (Mark 12:13-14)

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This title, **Teacher**, is, and was, applied to Jesus primarily as an acknowledgement of His truly great and anointed teaching. Jesus **taught** the people with authority, as from God Himself! Consider these verses:

“And Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every sickness and every disease among the people.” (Matthew 9:35)

“And they went into Capernaum; and straightway on the sabbath day He entered into the synagogue, and **taught**. And they were astonished at His teaching; for He taught them as one who has authority (or **power** - in Luke), ...” (Mark 1:22)

“And He began again to **teach** by the sea side; and there were gathered unto Him a great multitude, so that He entered into a boat, which sat upon the sea; and the whole multitude was by the sea on the land. And He taught them many things by parables, and said unto them in his teaching:...” (Mark 4:1-2)

“And when He came into His own country, **He taught** them in their synagogue, insomuch that they were astonished, and said, 'from where has this Man **this wisdom**, (His anointed teaching) and these mighty works?' (Matthew 13:54)

And **He taught**, saying unto them, 'Is it not written, My house shall be called by all nations the House of Prayer? But you have made it a den of thieves. And the scribes and chief priests heard it, and sought how they might destroy Him; for they feared Him, because all the people were astonished at His teaching. (Mark 11:17-18)

“And in the day time He was teaching in the Temple; and at night he went out, and stayed in the mount that is called the mount of Olives. And all the people came early in the morning to Him in the Temple, to hear Him.” (Luke 21:37-38)

The teachings (doctrines) of the **Teacher** Jesus, were so anointed and full of heart-felt truth, that multitudes of people were seeking Jesus, not only to seek or see the healings, but also to just sit and listen to the teachings of Jesus. These teachings of Jesus, and many others, resulted in many disciples – believers hungry for, and eager 'to learn' the way of truth. Jesus was careful to tell the people that His teachings were from the Father:

“Now about the midst of the feast Jesus went up into the Temple, **and taught**. And the Jews marveled, saying, How does this man know such learning, having never studied? Jesus answered them, and said, 'My **teaching** is not Mine, but His (the Father's) who sent Me. If any man will do His (the Father's) will, he shall know of the **teaching**, whether it is of God, or whether I speak of Myself.’” (John 7:14-17)

“Then said Jesus unto them, When you have lifted up the Son of Man, then you will know that **I am He**, and that I do nothing of Myself; but as My Father has taught Me, I speak these things.” (John 8:28)

Jesus, the Teacher, knew that His disciples, both then and now, would have to both learn His Teachings and commandments, but would have to also live, and abide, and continue in His teachings throughout their lives. And so He taught His disciples to do so:

“Then said Jesus to those Jews who believed on Him, '**If you continue** in My word, (His teachings) then you are My disciples indeed; and you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.' ” (John 8:31-32)

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"He who has **My commandments**, and keeps them, he it is who loves Me; and he who loves me shall be loved by My Father, and I will love him, and will manifest Myself to him. And Judas said unto him, (not Iscariot), 'Lord, how is it that You will manifest Yourself unto us, and not unto the world?' Jesus answered and said unto him, 'If a man love Me, he will keep **My words**: and My Father will love him, and We will come unto him, and make Our abode with him. He who does not love Me does not keep **My sayings**: and the word which you hear is not mine, but the Father's who sent Me.' (John 14:21-24)

"Therefore whoever hears **these sayings** (teachings) of Mine, **and does them**, I will liken him unto a wise man, who built his house upon a rock; and the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell not; for it was founded upon a rock. But, every one who hears these sayings of mine, and does not do them, shall be likened unto a foolish man, who built his house upon the sand; and the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell; and great was the fall of it. And it came to pass, when Jesus had ended these sayings (teachings), that the people were astonished at His teaching; for **He taught** them **as one having authority**, and not as the scribes." (Matthew 7:24-29)

"Whoever transgresses, and abides not in the **teaching** of Christ, does not have God. But he who abides in the teaching of Christ, he has both the Father and the Son." (2 John 1:9)

Jesus, the Teacher, also gave this warning to His disciples:

"And you shall be hated by all men for My Name's sake. But he who endures to the end shall be saved. But when they persecute you in this city, flee into another; for truly I say unto you, 'You shall not have gone through the cities of Israel, till the **Son of Man** comes. The disciple is not above his Teacher, nor the servant above his Lord. It is enough for the disciple that he be as his **Teacher**, and the servant as his Lord. If they have called **the Teacher** of the house Beelzebub, how much more shall they call those of His household? Therefore, ... do not fear those who can kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul. **But rather fear Him** who is able to destroy both soul and body in hell.'" (Matthew 10:22-28)

Jesus is ... The Teacher

who was sent by the Father, and was taught by the Father!

Jesus is the One who is our Teacher!

He has taught us how to live our lives in and through Himself!

**His teachings are the bed-rock that we build our lives upon,
so that the storms of life do not cause us to fall away from Jesus!**

Lord Jesus, You are our Master-Teacher!

I am also astonished and grateful for Your wonderful and powerful teaching!

Thank You Lord Jesus! Thank You Father in Heaven!

Thank You Holy Spirit of Truth who brings to my remembrance the Teachings of Christ!