



MATTHEW'S PORTRAIT OF JESUS

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TODAY'S AGENDA:

Jesus' Words

Jesus' Sound-bites

Jesus' Discourses

Jesus' Dialogues

THE WORDS OF JESUS

Lots of Variety:

- Short “sound-bites”*
- Long discourses*
- Dialogues*
- Parables*

THE WORDS OF JESUS

Jesus' words often have a poetic or rhetorical character:

- Parallelisms*
- Word-play*



SOUND BITES

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Proverb: “physician, heal yourself”

Metaphor: “you are the salt of the earth”

Paradox: “the first shall be last”

Hyperbole: “easier for camel...”

IN PREACHING, TEACHING

“Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.” (4:17)

“...where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them.” (18:20)

“... the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.” (20:28)

IN CONTROVERSY

“... render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's.” (22:21)

“It is written, ‘My house shall be called a house of prayer,’ but you make it ‘a den of robbers.’” (21:13) [Isa 56:7 & Jer 7:11]

JESUS' DISCOURSES

Sermon on mount (5-7)

Sending the twelve (10)

Parables of the kingdom (13)

Living as disciples (18)

Woes to the scribes & Pharisees (23)

Olivet discourse (24-25)

SERMON ON THE MOUNT

“The artistry of the design is apparent. There is no reason why the sermon as it stands could not be exactly the form Jesus’ longer sermons took.”

Leland Ryken, Words of Life, 120

PARABLES OF KINGDOM

The structure of these seven parables (planting, growth, harvest; the good & the bad) suggests that they were intended to tell us something of the progress of the Gospel in the time before Jesus' return.

JESUS' DIALOGUES

With John the Baptist & his disciples

With opponents

With seekers

With his disciples

WITH JOHN & DISCIPLES

At Jesus' baptism (3:13-15):

¹³ Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to John, to be baptized by him.¹⁴ John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?"¹⁵ But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness." Then he consented.

WITH JOHN & DISCIPLES

John in prison (11:2-6):

² Now when John heard in prison about the deeds of the Christ, he sent word by his disciples ³ and said to him, “Are you the one who is to come, or shall we look for another?” ⁴ And Jesus answered them, “Go and tell John what you hear and see: ⁵ the blind receive their sight and the lame walk, lepers are cleansed and the deaf hear, and the dead are raised up, and the poor have good news preached to them. ⁶ And blessed is the one who is not offended by me.”

WITH OPPONENTS

Jesus tempted in wilderness (4:1-10)

At healing of paralytic (9:2-8)

Plucking grain on the Sabbath (12:1-8)

Healing shriveled hand on Sabbath (12:9-14)

WITH OPPONENTS

Hand-washing tradition (15:1-9)

A sign from heaven (16:1-4)

Divorce (19:3-12)

Children shouting 'Hosanna!' (21:15-16)

Jesus' authority (21:23-27)

WITH OPPONENTS

Taxes to Caesar (22:15-22)

Sadducees on Resurrection (22:23-33)

Greatest commandment (22:34-40)

Who is the Christ? (22:41-46)

Jesus on Trial (26:59-66)

WITH SEEKERS

Jesus & Centurion (8:5-13)

Would-be followers (8:18-22)

Canaanite woman (15:22-28)

Rich young man (19:16-22)

WITH HIS DISCIPLES

Walking on water (14:25-33)

Yeast of the Pharisees (16:5-12)

Who is the Son of Man? (16:13-20)

The temple tax (17:24-27)

Greatest in the Kingdom (18:1-5)

WITH HIS DISCIPLES

We left everything (19:27-30)

Seats in the Kingdom (20:20-23)

Fig tree cursed (21:18-22)

Jesus anointed (26:6-13)

Jesus predicts his betrayal (26:20-25)

WITH HIS DISCIPLES

Peter professes his loyalty (26:31-35)

Jesus arrested (26:47-54)