

Major Event: His Life

Lesson 6: Reveal the Father and Offer the Kingdom

Suggested Subjects For Teacher To Cover:

The Offer of the Kingdom to Israel:

Jesus announces that the kingdom promised in the OT is available (Matthew 4:17).

Jesus proclaimed the gospel of the kingdom (Matthew 9:35).

Sermon on the Mount (Jesus validates His Kingship / Messiahship through His words and presents the requirements for Israel to receive the blessings of the kingdom).

Jesus also validated His message through miracles:

- 1) Jesus heals the man with leprosy- 8:2-3
- 2) Jesus heals the centurion's servant (Mt 8:5-13)
- 3) Jesus heals Peter's mother-in-law (Matthew 8:14-15)
- 4) Jesus heals many demon-possessed people (Mt. 8:16)
- 5) Jesus calms the storm (Mt. 8:18-27)
- 6) Jesus heals the demoniac (He cast out the demons into the swine- Matt 8:28-34)
- 7) Jesus heals the paralytic (Matt 9:1-8)
- 8) Jesus heals the woman with the bleeding disorder (Matt 9:20-22)
- 9) Jesus raises the official's daughter (Matt 9:18-31)
- 10) Jesus heals a mute demon-possessed man (9:32-34)

Jesus Revealed the Father:

John 14:9 Jesus said to him, "Have I been so long with you, and yet you have not come to know Me, Philip? He who has seen Me has seen the Father; how can you say, 'Show us the Father?'"

John 17:6 "I have manifested Your name to the men whom You gave Me out of the world; they were Yours and You gave them to Me, and they have kept Your word.

Jesus was a distinct Person from the Father, but equal in essence (John 10:30). Jesus also glorified the Father by accomplishing the work the Father had sent Him to do (John 17:4).

Suggested Attributes and Characteristics of God:

Righteousness - Jesus presents true righteousness (Matt 5-7- Sermon on the Mount)

Love - Love is demonstrated through obedience to God's word (cf. John 14:21-23)

Sovereignty - Jesus is offering His kingdom and the fulfillment of His sovereign rule over Israel.

Omnipotence - God is all-powerful. Jesus demonstrated authority over every realm (disease, demons, death, creation).

Jesus revealed power demonstrates that He has the sovereign right to rule as Israel's predicted King.

Suggested Reading for Parents and Child at Home:

Deuteronomy 6:4-5; Leviticus 19:18

Deuteronomy 28-30- These chapters promised cursing and blessing to Israel depending on their obedience or disobedience. Deuteronomy 30 promised restored blessing to Israel when they returned in obedience to God. Jesus came to offer this restoration.

Genesis 49:10- authority belongs to the King from the line of Judah.

Isaiah 35 (predicts Messiah's healings)

Psalms 104 (God has power over nature)

Notes:

The Sermon on the Mount is not the way of salvation, but the righteous requirements of the nation Israel to enjoy the blessing of the kingdom. Jesus' words reflect OT truths related to enjoying the blessings of the Promised Land under the rule of Jesus Christ the Messiah. It's important to note that although salvation is a free gift of God through faith alone in Christ alone (the removal of the penalty of sin through faith in the finished work of Christ on the cross- John 3:16, 18; Eph 2:8-9), God demands obedience in the believer's walk to enjoy fellowship with Him.

Emphasizing eternal security is essential in this discussion (cf. John 10:28-30; Ephesians 1:13-14; 4:30; Romans 8:1, 38-39).