

When Jesus Speaks

Scene Setter:

Humanity Often speaks from their hearts but their hearts are often misguided.

[Mat 12:34 ESV] 34 You brood of vipers! How can you speak good, when you are evil? For out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks.

We must guard our hearts or we will deceive even ourselves. What we speak gets misguided if we don't stay close to God.

[Pro 4:23 KJV] 23 Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it [are] the issues of life.

The Lord Speaks through angels, prophets, and preachers, through his Word, and in person.

Text:

[Mat 14:24-27 KJV] 24 But the ship was now in the midst of the sea, tossed with waves: for the wind was contrary. 25 And in the fourth watch of the night Jesus went unto them, walking on the sea. 26 And when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were troubled, saying, It is a spirit; and they cried out for fear. 27 But straightway Jesus spake unto them, saying, Be of good cheer; it is I; be not afraid.

Introduction:

When Jesus Speaks, we need to listen.

Jesus Spoke words of comfort to His Disciples

Jesus Spoke the truth to Joshua and gave Joshua comfort

Jesus is the Living Word of God

There is Power in the Word of God because it is God's Word!

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[Heb 4:12 KJV] 12 For the word of God [is] quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and [is] a discernor of the thoughts and intents of the heart.

The Holy Spirit Speaks to Us as our Teacher and Guide

[Jhn 14:26 KJV] 26 But the Comforter, [which is] the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.

[Jhn 16:13 KJV] 13 Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, [that] shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come.

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Fourth watch – Last period of time during the night. Between 3 and 6 am. The time when Israel was delivered from slavery. A good time for prayer. Jesus spoke to the disciples when they were halfway across the sea.

Jesus Spoke the truth to Joshua and gave Joshua comfort

Joshua asked whose side the man was on.

[Jos 5:13-15 NLT] 13 When Joshua was near the town of Jericho, he looked up and saw a man standing in front of him with sword in hand. Joshua went up to him and demanded, "Are you friend or foe?" 14 "Neither one," he replied. "I am the commander of the LORD's army." At this, Joshua fell with his face to the ground in reverence. "I am at your command," Joshua said. "What do you want your servant to do?" 15 The commander of the LORD's army replied, "Take off your sandals, for the place where you are standing is holy." And Joshua did as he was told.

[Jos 5:13-15 KJV] 13 And it came to pass, when Joshua was by Jericho, that he lifted up his eyes and looked, and, behold, there stood a man over against him with his sword drawn in his hand: and Joshua went unto him, and said unto him, [Art] thou for us, or for our adversaries? 14 And he said, Nay; but [as] captain of the host of the LORD am I now come. And Joshua fell on his face to the earth, and did worship, and said unto him, What saith my lord unto his servant? 15 And the captain of the LORD'S host said unto Joshua, Loose thy shoe from off thy foot; for the place whereon thou standest [is] holy. And Joshua did so.

Where Jesus Is, the place is holy.

Jesus is the Living Word of God

[Jhn 1:1, 10, 14 KJV] 1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ... 10 He was in the world, and the world was made by him, and the world knew him not. ... 14 And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.

Faith Comes: Romans 10:17

[Rom 10:17 NLT] 17 So faith comes from hearing, that is, hearing the Good News about Christ.

[Rom 10:17 KJV] 17 So then faith [cometh] by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

There is Power in the Bible. God is Speaking to Us through His Word

How we read the Bible Makes a difference.

Some Read the Bible to read about history

Some Read the Bible for religious reasons

Some Read the Bible out of curiosity

Some Read the Bible to hear from God

[Act 1:8 KJV] 8 But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.

How do you receive the Word of God? Do You accept the Word and Apply the Word?

[1Th 2:13 NKJV] 13 For this reason we also thank God without ceasing, because when you received the word of God which you heard from us, you welcomed [it] not [as] the word of men, but as it is in truth, the word of God, **which also effectively works in you who believe**.

Read or Hear the whole bible in 72 hours. Five hours a day for two weeks will allow you to complete the entire bible.

[Jas 1:22-24 KJV] 22 But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves. 23 For if any be a hearer of the word, and not a doer, he is like unto a man beholding his natural face in a glass: 24 For he beholdeth himself, and goeth his way, and straightway forgetteth what manner of man he was.

[Jas 1:22 NLT] 22 But don't just listen to God's word. You must do what it says. Otherwise, you are only fooling yourselves.

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No matter how a preacher or prophet delivers God's Word, there is Power in God's Word.

[2Co 2:17 ESV] 17 For we are not, like so many, peddlers of God's word, but as men of sincerity, as commissioned by God, in the sight of God we speak in Christ.

Jesus still Speaks to Us.

[Jhn 20:21-22 KJV] 21 Then said Jesus to them again, Peace [be] unto you: as [my] Father hath sent me, even so send I you. 22 And when he had said this, he breathed on [them], and saith unto them, Receive ye the Holy Ghost: