

The Words Of Jesus

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Introduction.

I. On one occasion the chief priests and the Pharisees of Jerusalem sent temple guards to arrest Jesus. The guards found the Lord and stepped forward to take Him into custody.. But upon hearing His words wonderful message they turned away and returned to the Jewish leaders. In John's record of the incident he says the Jewish rulers asked, "Why did ye not bring him?" The officers answered, "Never man so spake." (Jn. 7:45, 46).

II. The words of Jesus were so wonderful that even His bitter enemies were awed by them.

I. **Divine** - The words of Jesus are divine.

A. Jesus was not a mere ordinary man or even a mere extraordinary man. He was the Son of God in the flesh. (Matt. 1:23; Jn. 1:14, 18; Heb. 1:2, 3).

B. Jesus, as God's Divine Son, spoke the words of His Father, not the words of men. (Jn. 12:50b).

1. Since Jesus spoke the words of the Father, they are authoritative and must be obeyed.

2. The one who rejects His words is rejecting the words of the Father and will be lost.

II. **Powerful** - The words of Jesus are powerful.

A. Jesus had the power, through His words, to heal the blind, the deaf, the sick, cast out demons, to even raise the dead.

B. Let's consider some wonders of His powerful words.

The nobleman's son . (Jn. 4:46-53).	Cursing of the fig tree . (Matt. 21:18,19).	Stilling of the storm . (Matt. 8:23-27).
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III. **Gracious** - The words of Jesus are gracious.

A. Jesus always spoke graciously and kindly to those who were sorrowful over sin and were sincerely seeking salvation. (Matt. 11:28).

B. Once Jesus was passing through Jericho where a tax-collector by the name of Zacchaeus was living. (Lk. 19:1-10).

IV. **Harsh** - The words of Jesus are harsh.

A. Jesus was very stern with extortioners and hypocrites and used severe words to rebuke them.

B. Once Jesus entered the temple and became angered at the corruption taking place. (Matt. 21:12, 13).

C. Listen as I read this scathing rebuke of the scribes and Pharisees.

MAT 23:1 Then Jesus spoke to the multitudes and to His disciples, 2 saying, "The scribes and the Pharisees have seated themselves in the chair of Moses; 3 therefore all that they tell you, do and observe, but do not do according to their deeds; for they say things, and do not do them. 4 "And they tie up heavy loads, and lay them on men's shoulders; but they themselves are unwilling to move them with so much as a finger.

5 "But they do all their deeds to be noticed by men; for they broaden their phylacteries, and lengthen the tassels of their garments. 6 "And they love the place of honor at banquets, and the chief seats in the synagogues, 7 and respectful greetings in the market places, and being called by men, Rabbi.

23 "Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you tithe mint and dill and cummin, and have neglected the weightier provisions of the law: justice and mercy and faithfulness; but these are the things you should have done without neglecting the others. 24 "You blind guides, who strain out a gnat and swallow a camel! 25 "Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you clean the outside of the cup and of the dish, but inside they are full of robbery and self-indulgence. 26 "You blind Pharisee, first clean the inside of the cup and of the dish, so that the outside of it may become clean also. 27 ¶ "Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you are like whitewashed tombs which on the outside appear beautiful, but inside they are full of dead men's bones and all uncleanness. 28 "Even so you too outwardly appear righteous to men, but inwardly you are full of hypocrisy and lawlessness.

V. **Comforting Words** - The words of Jesus are comforting.

- A. Jesus promised to **save those who trust in Him**. (Jn. 6:47; 11:25).
- B. Jesus promised to **provide for our physical needs**. (Matt. 6:25, 26, 33, 34).
- C. Jesus promised **forgiveness to the forgiving**. (Matt. 6:14, 15).
- D. Jesus promised **inner peace** to those frustrated in a world of sin and strife. (Jn. 14:27).
- E. Jesus promised that the **resurrection unto life and heaven** awaits the faithful. (Jn. 5:28, 29; Lk. 10:20; Jn. 14:1-3).

VI. **Basis of Judgment** - The words of Jesus are the basis of judgment

- A. We will not be judged by our own words or by the words of others. We will not be judged by popular opinion.
- B. We will be judged by the words of Jesus. (Jn. 12:48).
- C. One day we will stand before Christ's judgment seat and we will either hear His words of praise and blessing or His words of condemnation. (Matt. 25:34, 41).

VII. **Imperishable** - The words of Christ are imperishable.

- A. The words of most people pass away in a few years or at most in a few centuries.
- B. The words of Jesus are timeless and eternal. The words of Jesus will endure forever. (Matt. 24:35).

Conclusion.

- I. Truly for all of these reasons the words of Jesus are incomparable and should be obeyed by all who desire

everlasting life.

II. Jesus teaches we must do the following to become His disciples. (Jn. 3:36; Lk. 13:3; Matt. 10:32; Mk. 16:16).

III. We invite you to come to Jesus and trust and obey His words all your days. Come as we sing.

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