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The Names of Love - Part 24 - Rabbi, Teacher, Master

Matt. 23:8 “But you are not to be called ‘Rabbi,’ for you have only one Master.”

The name of Jesus in this passage is Rabbi or Teacher; also Master is used in many instances. In the Jewish culture, young men grew up with a Rabbi or Teacher that would teach them about God’s word. They would call their teacher, Master. When Jesus began His ministry here on the earth, He also called twelve men to follow Him and they would call Him Master.

Many perceived Jesus as just a Teacher and would question Him on many occasions. In fact, the most hateful of the groups were the Pharisees who were themselves steeped in the religion of the word but didn’t know “The Word.” They were possibly jealous that they had taught for many years but didn’t have the following that Jesus did and they would continually try to trap Him into misspeaking about God’s Word. (Note: You can’t misspeak about the Word of God if You are the Word of God!) John 1:1, “In the beginning was the Word, the Word was with God, the Word was God.”

Jesus taught His disciples all the time. He would use parables to paint a picture of the principles of God. He would use many questions to see if His followers were “getting the picture.” In Luke 5:5-6 there was another example: Simon answered, “Master, we’ve worked hard all night and haven’t caught anything, but because You say so, I will let down the nets.” When they had done so, they caught such a large number of fish that their nets began to break.

Most of you have had at least one teacher in your life that not only gave you information, but made that information “come alive.” They could paint a picture with their illustrations and would make what seemed to be a boring subject the most interesting thing that you’d ever heard about. Now ask yourself this question: why did Jesus take twelve men aside for three and a half years and teach them? God always knows the best way to do anything and there was a connection made with those men that changed the course of history. Those men lived for Jesus and even died for Him. He had poured Himself into them and they would never be the same. And now, He will do the same for you if you will let Him. He has given us His Holy Spirit to teach us daily what His Word has to say to us.

Dear Master, thank You for walking along side of me by Your Holy Spirit. You encourage me, teach me, lift me up when I fall, and love me with a never-ending love. I love You Master. In Jesus Name, Amen