

Following the Master

The Dangerous Jesus

I. Introduction

- A. Luke 4:18-19 (NLT) ¹⁸"The Spirit of the LORD is upon me, for he has anointed me to bring Good News to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim that captives will be released, that the blind will see, that the oppressed will be set free, ¹⁹and that the time of the LORD's favor has come."
- B. Luke 4:20-21 (NLT) ²⁰He rolled up the scroll, handed it back to the attendant, and sat down. All eyes in the synagogue looked at him intently. ²¹Then he began to speak to them. "The Scripture you've just heard has been fulfilled this very day!"
- C. Mark 1:15 (NAS) "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel."
- D. Matt 4:17 (NLT) From then on Jesus began to preach, "Repent of your sins and turn to God, for the Kingdom of Heaven is near."
- E. Luke 4:43 (NLT) ⁴³But he replied, "I must preach the Good News of the Kingdom of God in other towns, too, because that is why I was sent."
- F. Luke 6:13-15 (NLT) ¹³At daybreak he called together all of his disciples and chose twelve of them to be apostles. Here are their names: ¹⁴Simon (whom he named Peter), Andrew (Peter's brother), James, John, Philip, Bartholomew, ¹⁵Matthew, Thomas, James (son of Alphaeus), Simon (who was called the zealot).
- G. Matt. 8:7-10 (NLT) ⁷Jesus said, "I will come and heal him." ⁸But the officer said, "Lord, I am not worthy to have you come into my home. Just say the word from where you are, and my servant will be healed. ⁹I know this because I am under the authority of my superior officers, and I have authority over my soldiers. I only need to say, 'Go,' and they go, or 'Come,' and they come. And if I say to my slaves, 'Do this,' they do it." ¹⁰When Jesus heard this, he was amazed. Turning to those who were following him, he said, "I tell you the truth, I haven't seen faith like this in all Israel!"
- H. Matt. 5:39 (NLT) But I say, do not resist an evil person! If someone slaps you on the right cheek, offer the other cheek also.
- I. Matt. 5:41 (NLT) If a soldier demands that you carry his gear for a mile, carry it two miles.
- J. Matt. 5:9 (NAS) "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God."
- K. Matt. 8:2-3 (NLT) ²Suddenly, a man with leprosy approached him and knelt before him. "Lord," the man said, "if you are willing, you can heal me and make me clean." ³Jesus reached out and touched him. "I am willing," he said. "Be healed!" And instantly the leprosy disappeared.
- L. Matt. 22:16 (NLT) They sent some of their disciples, along with the supporters of Herod, to meet with him. "Teacher," they said, "we know how honest you are. You teach the way of God truthfully. You are impartial and don't play favorites."
- M. Matt. 22:17 (NLT) "Now tell us what you think about this: Is it right to pay taxes to Caesar or not?"
- N. Matt. 22:18-19a (NLT) ¹⁸But Jesus knew their evil motives. "You hypocrites!" he said. "Why are you trying to trap me? ^{19a}Here, show me the coin used for the tax."
- O. Matt. 22:19b-20 (NLT) ^{19b}When they handed him a Roman coin, ²⁰he asked, "Whose picture and title are stamped on it?"

- P. Matt. 22:21 (NLT) *“Caesar’s,” they replied. “Well, then,” he said, “give to Caesar what belongs to Caesar, and give to God what belongs to God.”*
- Q. Matt. 11:4-5 (NLT) *⁴Jesus told them, “Go back to John and tell him what you have heard and seen— ⁵the blind see, the lame walk, the lepers are cured, the deaf hear, the dead are raised to life, and the Good News is being preached to the poor.”*

II. Conclusion