



What Did Jesus Mean?
The Words of Christ
“Never man spoke like this man.”
John 7:46

Jesus spoke to many people while He was on the earth. Some got what He was saying, others did not. Have you ever read what He said and wondered, *“What did He mean by that?”*

“...they have a zeal for God, but not according to knowledge.”
Rom 10:2

John 7:37-52 (NKJV)

37 On the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried out, saying, “If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me and drink. **38** He who believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.” **39** But this He spoke concerning the Spirit, whom those believing in Him would receive; for the Holy Spirit was not yet given, because Jesus was not yet glorified.

40 Therefore many from the crowd, when they heard this saying, said, “Truly this is the Prophet.” **41** Others said, “This is the Christ.” But some said, “Will the Christ come out of Galilee? **42** Has not the Scripture said that the Christ comes from the seed of David and from the town of Bethlehem, where David was?” **43** So there was a division among the people because of Him. **44** Now some of them wanted to take Him, but no one laid hands on Him.

45 Then the officers came to the chief priests and Pharisees, who said to them, “Why have you not brought Him?” **46** The officers answered, “**No man ever spoke like this Man!**” **47** Then the Pharisees answered them, “Are you also deceived? **48** Have any of the rulers or the Pharisees believed in Him? **49** But this crowd that does not know the law is accursed.” **50** Nicodemus (he who came to Jesus by night, being one of them) said to them, **51** “Does our law judge a man before it hears him and knows what he is doing?” **52** They answered and said to him, “Are you also from Galilee? Search and look, for no prophet has arisen out of Galilee.”

A. The Unique Speaker John 7:37-52

(1) That Man: [46] To this day—many Jews refuse to even say the name of Jesus referring to Him instead as, “that man.” The Temple police were so moved by ‘that Man’ that they didn’t arrest Him.

(2) So many amazed: From the woman at the well to the disciples Jesus was a constant source of amazement for what He said.

B. The Unique Word: So what did Jesus say about His own words?

(1) My Word is Divine in Authority: *John 12:49-50* “For I have not spoken on My own authority; but the Father who sent Me gave Me a command, what I should say and what I should speak. And I know that His command is everlasting life. Therefore, whatever I speak, just as the Father has told Me, so I speak.”

(a) Who has authority in your life? Moses gave the people God’s Word—but they had to make the choice of following it or not—a life and death decision. Today our choice is spiritual life or death.

—> *How much authority does His Word have in my life?* <—

(2) My Word is Eternal: *Matt 24:35* “Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will by no means pass away.”

(a) Is your God limited or unlimited? All creation is a limited resource—it is in constant change—decay and rebirth. God’s word does NOT lose its power—it does not decay.

—> *Have I limited the unlimited God in my life?* <—

(3) My Word is Spirit and Life: *John 6:63* “It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh profits nothing. The words that I speak to you are spirit, and they are life.”

(a) What is the source of your life? Jesus is implying that the same ‘Spirit’ [*Ruach*] that breathed life into Adam (*Gen 2:7*)—is also breathing ‘spirit and life’ into us through the Words of Jesus. “All scripture is inspired (theopneustos God breathed)...” *2 Tim 3:16; 2:7*

—> *What is God breathing into me today?* <—

(4) My Word is The Rock of Life: *Math 7:24-27* “Therefore whoever hears these sayings of Mine, and does them, I will liken him to a wise man who built his house on the rock...”

(a) Do you have purpose in life? The Words of Jesus give us purpose—something to do—something to build.

—> *What is God ‘purposing’ in your heart and life today?* <—

(5) My Word is Salvation: *John 8:51* “Verily, verily, I say unto you, If a man keep My word, he shall never see death.”

(a) Are you sure of your salvation? If someone keeps His Word, i.e. believes it, cleaves to it, obeys and lives by it, he will never see death. The assurance relates to life which physical death cannot extinguish.

—> *If you’re saved and you know it...say AMEN!* <—