

Jesus

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One Main Point: Jesus' teaching is a wrestling match!

²³ Jesus traveled throughout the region of Galilee, **teaching** in the **synagogues** and announcing the Good News about the Kingdom. And he healed every kind of disease and illness. ²⁴ News about him spread as far as Syria, and people soon began bringing to him all who were sick. And whatever their sickness or disease, or if they were demon possessed or epileptic or paralyzed—he healed them all. ²⁵ **Large crowds followed him wherever he went**—people from Galilee, the Ten Towns, Jerusalem, from all over Judea, and from east of the Jordan River." (Matthew 4:23–25 NLT)

1. "Teaching"

- How was that experience for Simon, Andrew, James and John?
- My thought:
HOPEFUL!

Exhilarating!

Uncomfortable! "You believe this guy?" "You believe this teaching?"

2. The people's response = **TRUST.**

3. What's our response to others?

- Do we know WHY we are HERE?
Point people to Jesus.

- Teachers have to know WHO is in the audience.
(Committed follower) ————— (Committed Rejector)

- JESUS made this easy - **LOVE GOD, LOVE OTHERS.**

"But to you who are willing to listen, I say, love your enemies! Do good to those who hate you. ²⁸ Bless those who curse you. Pray for those who hurt you." (Luke 6:27–28 NLT)

4. Our Response to Culture:

- LOVE GOD, LOVE OTHERS, not **judge, jury** or **executioner.**

CHALLENGE:

- Follow Him into the uncomfortable, the known and the unknown!
- Devote your life to whatever else comes out of His mouth.
- Point people to Jesus.