

Teachings OF Jesus

A Very Brief Profile

Reminders

- Jesus: 5/6 BCE – 30 CE
- Did not write anything
- Gospels date from 40-70 years after his death:
 - Mark around 70
 - Matthew 80's
 - Luke 90-125
 - John 90's

Typical Teachings - 1

- **Kingdom of God**

- Timing: imminent
- Unpredictable – would appear like a thief in the night
- Behaviour –
 - for those who actively care about others – **Question: what text have you read that illustrates this?**
 - For those who use what they have been given
- Value: is precious
- Advice: be prepared

How would his audience have understood this message?

Ties in to ...

- ... an apocalyptic eschatological outlook
- ... messianic expectations
- Jesus may have thought he would have a role to play in helping God bring about the KoG ... more than just the announcer...maybe the messianic king

Typical Teachings - 2

- **Summary of Torah**

- see Matthew 22:34-40
- This is a summary of the law, not a replacement for it. Does not abolish Torah.

Typical Teachings - 3

- **Life's priorities** (the 5 petitions from Lord's Prayer – see Sermon on the Mount)
 1. Kingdom: Thy kingdom come
 2. Will: Thy will be done
 3. Needs: Daily bread
 4. Action: Forgiveness of trespasses – as others are forgiven
 5. Hope: Deliverance from evil

Typical Teachings - 4

- The Higher Righteousness: Strict Torah Observance ... stricter than Pharisaic observance

(Sermon on the Mount – Gospel of Matthew)

Extends Torah from behaviour into attitude

(as does the Book of Deuteronomy)