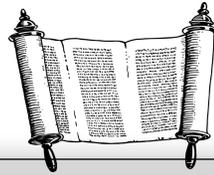


The Teacher

The Messiah would be the Great teacher of Israel.



Types of Parables
Instructive, 32x
Warning, 8x
Rebuke, 4x

Short Example
"Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house, who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old."
Mt 13:52.

מורה
master teacher

The Hebrew Word...

mô-rê(h) / This word means one who communicates to a student **information** and **life-style**. This word is used in four times in the Old Testament;
Twice it occurs in **Isaiah 30:20** once in Job 36:22, and Proverbs 5:13

God the Father was known as a teacher

Job 36:22-23
Behold, God is exalted in his power; **who is a teacher like him?** Who has prescribed for him his way, overwhelmed who can say, "You

The Promised Teacher

18 Therefore the LORD waits to be gracious to you, and therefore he exalts himself to show mercy to you. For the LORD is a God of justice; blessed are all those who wait for him.

19 For a people shall dwell in Zion, in Jerusalem; you shall weep no more. He will surely be gracious to you at the sound of your cry. As soon as he hears it, he answers you.

20 And though the Lord give you the bread of adversity and the water of affliction, yet your **Teacher** will not hide himself anymore, but your eyes shall see your **Teacher**. 21 And your ears shall hear a word behind you, saying, "This is the way, walk in it," when you turn to the right or when you turn to the left.

22 Then you will defile your carved idols overlaid with silver and your gold-plated metal images. You will scatter them as unclean things. You will say to them, "Be gone!"
Isaiah 30:18-22 (ESV)

In the Gospels

Jesus was called by the title **Rabbi** (15x) and by the title **Teacher** (50x) times in the gospels.

The phrase "and he opened up his mouth and taught them, saying..." occurs 18 times in the New Testament.

No other person in *scripture* or *history* matches his reputation as a master teacher. He even taught Israel's greatest earthly teacher at one point. **John 3:10-11**

The Teaching Styles of Jesus

Jesus told stories, what are called parables where spiritual truths are compared to everyday occurrences. Example / *He told them another parable, "The Kingdom of heaven is like leaven that a woman took and hid..."* **Matthew 13:33**

Jesus shocked his audience by sometimes using hyperbole to make a point. Example / *He told them another parable, "if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off..."* **Matthew 5:30**

Jesus used memorable sayings (and repetition) to help students both remember and pay attention. Example / *"Blessed are the poor in spirit..."* **Matthew 5:3**

Jesus asked questions to mine out people's thoughts and teach truth. Example / *"Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath?"* **Matthew 12:10**

He used visual learning to make a point. Example / *"Jesus...rose from supper. He laid aside his outer garments, and taking a towel...began to wash his disciple's feet"* **John 13:1-11**

Friendship!

Perhaps his greatest teaching style or method was simply befriending, caring and respecting others.

The Parables of Jesus

The New Testament Records 55 passages that are parables of Jesus.

Some memorable ones are...

- The wise man building his house on a rock.
- The sower and the soils
- The king who settled his accounts
- The vineyard workers
- The Good Samaritan
- The Prodigal Son

People's Response

Large Crowds followed him; Matthew 19:2, Mark 4:1, John 6:2, 5, 12:9, 12:12

After The Sermon on the Mount, Recorded in Matthew Chapters 5-7

28 And when Jesus finished these sayings, the crowds were **astonished** at his teaching, 29 for he was teaching them as one who had **authority**, and not as their scribes.
Matthew 7:28-29

Jesus did have Authority
My teaching is not mine, but his who sent me. **John 7:16**

See also: John 14:24, John 5:19, 5:30, Deuteronomy 18:15, 18-19

Astonished:
Greek word here means to be overwhelmed, amazed