

“My words”

- Matt 28:18-20

Surprising EXPLANATIONS about his words:

³⁷ For this reason I was born, and for this reason I came into the world—to testify to the truth. (Jn 18:37, NET)

²⁸ I do nothing on my own initiative, but I speak just what the Father taught me. (Jn 8:28, NET) ...⁴⁹ For I have not spoken from my own authority, but the Father himself who sent me has commanded me what I should say and what I should speak. ⁵⁰ And I know that his commandment is eternal life. Thus the things I say, I say just as the Father has told me. (Jn 12:49-50, NET)

¹⁶ My teaching is not from me, but from the one who sent me. ¹⁷ If anyone wants to do God’s will, he will know [find out] about my teaching, whether it is from God or whether I speak from my own authority. (Jn 7:16-17, NET[NIV])

⁷ [Father, my followers] know that everything you have given me comes from you. ⁸ I gave them the words you gave me and they accepted them. (Jn 17:7-8, NIV) ... ³⁷ Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice. (Jn 18:37, NET)

- Others: Jn 8:31 – If you abide in my word you are truly my disciples

Surprising PROMISES (and corresponding challenges) about his words:

1-Finding LIFE in Jesus’ words

⁶³ It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh is no help at all. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. (Jn 6:63, ESV)

⁵¹ Truly, truly, I say to you, if anyone keeps my word [obeys my teaching], he will never see death. (Jn 8:51, ESV [NET])

2-Finding FRUITFULNESS in Jesus’ words

⁴⁶ Why do you call me ‘Lord, Lord,’ and don’t do what I tell you? (Lk 6:46, NET)

¹⁵ Some people are like seed along the path, where the word is sown. As soon as they hear it [and do not understand (Matt 13:19)], Satan comes and takes away the word that was sown in them. ¹⁶ Others, like seed sown on rocky places, hear the word and at once receive it with joy. ¹⁷ But since they have no root, they last only a short time. When trouble or persecution [the time of testing] comes because of the word, they quickly fall away. ¹⁸ Still others, like seed sown among thorns, hear the word; ¹⁹ but the worries of this life, the deceitfulness of wealth and the desires for other things come in and choke the word, making it unfruitful [they do not mature]. ²⁰ Others, like seed sown on good soil, hear the word [with a noble and good heart], accept [retain] it, and [by persevering] produce a crop—some thirty, some sixty, some a hundred times what was sown. (Mk 4:15-20[Lk 8:13-15], NIV)

3-Finding STABILITY in Jesus’ words

²⁴ Everyone who hears these words of mine and does them is like a wise man who built his house on rock [dug down deep, and laid the foundation on bedrock]. ²⁵ The rain fell, the flood came, and the winds beat against that house, but it did not collapse because it had been founded on rock. ²⁶ Everyone who hears these words of mine and does not do them is like a foolish man who built his house on sand. ²⁷ The rain fell, the flood came, and the winds beat against that house, and it collapsed; it was utterly destroyed!” (Matt 7:24-27[Lk 6:48], NET)

- Others: ³¹ Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away. (Mk 13:31, NET)
- Passages mentioned from John’s epistles
 - 1:1,5 – Importance of Jesus’ message (Word of life) & tied to the Father
 - 5:20 – Jesus gave us understanding to know what is true (point to truth)
 - 2:3-6 – know we are his followers by our response to his words
 - 2:25 – promise of life
 - 2 Jn 9 – running ahead and not continuing in the teaching of Christ