

The Character of Jesus 8
Public Teaching in Galilee
Matthew 4:17, Mark 1:14 – 15, Luke 4:14 – 15, John 4:43 – 45

- Characteristic: Simplicity
 - Jesus understood the simple fact that people in His home region would have a hard time accepting Him, so He built up a reputation first.
 - Jesus' message was characterized as good news
 - Concerning the promised kingdom
 - For the poor
 - About the gracious nature of God
 - Reality: about real life
 - About trusting God's promises, not meeting benchmarks
 - Well planned, not reactionary
 - Adopting the parade of God's character traits
 - Peace
 - Hope
 - The time is right (filled full)
 - The Kingdom is at hand
 - An appropriate response is to prepare (turn around, repent)
 - Took advantage of religious gatherings even if not according to Scripture
- Applications
 - Prepare proof: the work of the Spirit, evidences, Jesus' character and virtue
 - Present good news:
 - Jesus is in charge now
 - For common, imperfect, low-status people
 - Character development by the power of the Spirit, not superior self-control
 - Peace, hope, love; not guilt, uncertainty, and "me"
 - God planned this extremely well for a very long time
 - Every day is the right time
 - Be part of the best organization on earth
 - What do you think is the appropriate response?
 - Talk to religious people as well as outsiders