# The Lord JESUS

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In the realm of telecommunications, many clamor to have their voices heard. God's final word has come definitively—"*he has spoken to us by his Son*" (Hebrews 1.2 ESV). We will notice that the spoken words of Jesus, in turn, were:

**Without Hypocrisy** – It is common to hear the expression "practice what you preach." Dr. Luke remarks concerning his biography of Jesus, "*I have dealt with all that Jesus began to do and teach*" (Acts 1.1 ESV). This order is not accidental. We read that "*Jesus went throughout all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom*" (Matthew 9.35 ESV). The historian is careful to note that Jesus' preaching was always consistent with His actions.

**With Authority** – He never opened His mouth without divine direction. He testified, "*I do nothing on my own authority, but speak just as the Father taught me*" (John 8.28 ESV). In the desert temptation by Satan, He responded each time saying "*It is written*…." Habitually, He quoted the Old Testament Scriptures as He taught. He

also had the ability, much lacking in others, of knowing when to finish speaking. Matthew wrote more than once, "*when Jesus had finished these sayings, He departed*" (Matthew 19.1 NKJV).

**With Wisdom** – The self-righteous leaders of the day were irked by His words, "*So they watched him and sent spies…that they might catch him in something he said…and they were not able…to catch him in what he said, but marveling at his answer they became silent*" (Luke 20.20, 26 ESV). People asked incredulously, "*How is it that this man has learning, when he has never studied*?" (John 7.15 ESV). Jesus spoke not out of a prestigious education, but by a divine mandate.

**With Grace** – Isaiah recorded the words of Christ prophetically, "*The Lord GOD has given me the tongue of those who are taught, that I may know how to sustain with a word him who is weary*" (Isaiah 50.4 ESV). No wonder "*all spoke well of him and marveled at the gracious words that were coming from his mouth. And they said, 'Is not this Joseph's son*?'" (Luke 4.22 ESV).

**With Purpose** – Jesus said, "*Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life. He does not come into judgment, but has passed from death to life*" (John 5.24 ESV). Though they ultimately spiked His hands and feet, they could not stifle His tongue. He began by saying, "*Forgive,*" and before He died, "*Finished.*" By His own words, the work necessary for your forgiveness has been finished. Peter testified, "*You* (Jesus) *have the words of eternal life*" (John 6.68 ESV). Will you believe His words today?

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