

Jesus Christ: Our Perfect Model and Powerful Enabler of Godly Speech

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You are the most excellent of men and your lips have been anointed with grace, since God has blessed you forever. Psalm 45:2

“No one ever spoke the way this man does,” the guards declared. John 7:46

What kind of words does Jesus speak?

1. Words that refresh weary hearts

- *Isa 50:4, The Sovereign LORD has given me an instructed tongue, to know the word that sustains the weary. He wakens me morning by morning, wakens my ear to listen like one being taught.*
- *Matt 11:28-30, “Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. ²⁹Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.”*

2. Words that comfort grieving hearts

- *John 11:17-43*
- *Luke 7:11-15, Soon afterward, Jesus went to a town called Nain, and his disciples and a large crowd went along with him. ¹² As he approached the town gate, a dead person was being carried out--the only son of his mother, and she was a widow. And a large crowd from the town was with her. ¹³ When the Lord saw her, his heart went out to her and he said, “Don’t cry.” ¹⁴ Then he went up and touched the coffin, and those carrying it stood still. He said, “Young man, I say to you, get up!” ¹⁵ The dead man sat up and began to talk, and Jesus gave him back to his mother.*

3. Words that humble proud hearts

- *Matthew 16:22-23, Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. “Never, Lord!” he said. “This shall never happen to you!” ²³ Jesus turned and said to Peter, “Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; you do not have in mind the things of God, but the things of men.”*
- *Matthew 23:1-39*
- *Mark 10:13-16, 17-31, 35-45*
- *Revelation 2-3*

4. Words that instruct ignorant hearts

- *Isaiah 9:6, For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.*

- *Isaiah 11:2, The Spirit of the LORD will rest on him-- the Spirit of wisdom and of understanding, the Spirit of counsel and of power, the Spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the LORD--*
- *John 3:1-15*
- *John 4:1-26*

5. Words that assure doubting or distressed hearts

- *Matthew 12:18-20 (citing Isa. 42:1-3), "Here is my servant whom I have chosen, the one I love, in whom I delight; I will put my Spirit on him, and he will proclaim justice to the nations. 19 He will not quarrel or cry out; no one will hear his voice in the streets. 20 A bruised reed he will not break, and a smoldering wick he will not snuff out, till he leads justice to victory."*
- *Luke 4:17-22 (citing Isa 61:1-3), The scroll of the prophet Isaiah was handed to him. Unrolling it, he found the place where it is written: 18 "The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to release the oppressed, 19 to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor." 20 Then he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant and sat down. The eyes of everyone in the synagogue were fastened on him, 21 and he began by saying to them, "Today this scripture is fulfilled in your hearing." 22 All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his lips. "Isn't this Joseph's son?" they asked.*
- *John 14-16; esp. 14:27, Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.*

Conclusion: You and I can speak the same way!

- *1 Corinthians 2:16, "For who has known the mind of the Lord that he may instruct him?" But we have the mind of Christ.*
- *Philippians 4:13, I can do everything through him who gives me strength.*
- *Colossians 2:9-10, For in Christ all the fullness of the Deity lives in bodily form, 10 and you have been given fullness in Christ, who is the head over every power and authority.*
- *2 Timothy 4:17, But the Lord stood at my side and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. . . .*