

Forming Christ's Mind in You: Glimpses Into the Inner Life of Our Lord

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The above lesson schedule attempts to work selectively through Bible windows into the inner life of Jesus. The series title, *Forming Christ's Mind in You: Glimpses into the Inner Life of Our Lord* is based in part on a classic work by the Scottish pastor of the 19th century, W. G. Blaikie (1820-1899).

A look into the devotional, spiritual life of Jesus during His days of incarnation is indeed walking on sacred ground. And it is also sanctifying ground.

Jesus is not only the Master who disciples, but He is a disciple Himself. His own testimony, recorded prophetically in Isaiah 50, capture this reality and show how necessary it was to His redemptive ministry:

⁴ The Lord GOD has given Me the tongue of disciples, that I may know how to sustain the weary one with a word. He awakens Me morning by morning, He awakens My ear to listen as a disciple. ⁵ The Lord GOD has opened My ear; And I was not disobedient nor did I turn back. ⁶ I gave My back to those who strike Me, and My cheeks to those who pluck out the beard; I did not cover My face from humiliation and spitting. ⁷ For the Lord GOD helps Me, Therefore, I am not disgraced; Therefore, I have set My face like flint, and I know that I will not be ashamed.

The thrust of the series attempts to trace prophecies pertaining to Jesus' own spiritual life through the New Testament record. In some cases the fulfillments are specifically identified. In others, the fulfillments are not as obviously specified.

The continuing challenge is to embrace and appreciate the deity of Christ while magnifying the elements of Jesus' spiritual life. In addition, it is important to teach the lessons so that Jesus is presented as far more than a good example.

Some book helpful book recommendations include:

Robert Law, *The Emotional Life of Jesus*

James Stalker, *Imago Christi (The Example of Christ)*

Leslie T. Hardin, *The Spirituality of Jesus*

Larry E. McCall, *Walking Like Jesus Did*

As we taught through the material, we often spent more than a single week on each lesson. You may find it helpful to do the same.