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Last week's resource was looking at the Father being the One who taught the Son. This week's resource will have us looking at how the Son was the Teacher of His disciples. This is the continuous process and pattern of the Spirit being our Teacher, and not man or flesh and blood.

Mark 8:31 And He began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again.

Matthew 5:1-2 When Jesus saw the crowds, He went up on the mountain; and after He sat down, His disciples came to Him. He opened His mouth and began to teach them.

Jesus couldn't bring revelation to His disciples before His death and resurrection, because He put His deity aside, while on earth, and humbled Himself becoming like man. Mind you, this didn't mean He wasn't the One who was given the responsibility of sharing the Father's Truth with His men and the world. He knew His Father would reveal the words of the Spirit He was speaking, if it was His intent to do so. We see this in Matthew 16, where Peter is given the revelation that Jesus is the Messiah from the Father.

Jesus says, "Blessed are you Simon Barjona". What an incredible blessing it was and is, when the Father/Spirit reveals the Truth which makes us free within us and brings us into life. It's from the revelation of Jesus Christ that we are transformed.

Jesus taught words which were Spirit and Life and for much of what Jesus taught, His disciples didn't hear what He was truly communicating with them, because the language of Heaven, is a spiritual language and the Spirit had not yet been poured into them, even though the Spirit was with them.

John 14:16-17 I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may be with you forever; that is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it does not see Him or know Him, but you know Him because He abides with you and will be in you.

John 6:63 It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh profits nothing; the words that I have spoken to you are spirit and are life.

Jesus said the flesh profits nothing. This prophetic utterance is as true today, as it was when Jesus said it 2000 years ago. The Word of God is Spirit, not English, Hebrew, Greek, Aramaic or any other natural language, it is a language of the Spirit and because of this, it must be heard through the Spirit. To not hear through the Spirit is to either not hear at all or hear something completely different to what was spoken.

Matthew 16:5-9,11-12 And the disciples came to the other side of the sea, but they had forgotten to bring any bread. And Jesus said to them, "Watch out and beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and Sadducees." They began to discuss this among themselves, saying, "He said that because we did not bring any bread." But Jesus, aware of this, said, "You men of little faith, why do you discuss among yourselves that you have no bread? Do you not yet understand or remember the five loaves of the five thousand, and how many baskets full you picked up?... How is it that you do not understand that I did not speak to you concerning bread? But beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and Sadducees." Then they understood that He did not say to beware of the leaven of bread, but of the teaching of the Pharisees and Sadducees.

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Jesus taught spiritual words and spiritual thoughts to His disciples and to the world, just like the apostle Paul, and this is to be the pattern for us as well.

Questions

1. What out of the resource stands out the most for you and why?
2. How would you describe what the Word of God is?
3. Why is it that the flesh profits us nothing?
4. Why is it such a blessing to have the Spirit reveal the Father in and to us?
5. What have you learnt from this resource?