

# Speaking Like Jesus

Texts: Genesis 1:3; Deuteronomy 18:15–18; Psalm 45:2; Isaiah 11:4; Hebrews 1:3; Matthew 8:5–13; Mark 4:39; John 8:1–11

## Big Idea

Don't just speak about Jesus—learn to speak like Jesus. His Spirit in you forms a voice that is gracious, true, and restoring.

## Opening: The Power of a Word

Words start wars. Words heal wounds. Words also harm. Scripture calls Jesus the Word—the One whose voice created worlds and still “upholds all things by the word of His power” (Heb. 1:3). If you are in Christ, that same Spirit who inspired Scripture lives in you. The question is simple and searching: When people hear your voice, do they hear His?

From Genesis to the Gospels, God's Word is:

Creative — “Let there be light” (Gen. 1:3).

Authoritative — the promised Prophet who speaks God's own words (Deut. 18:15–18).

Gracious — “grace is poured upon Your lips” (Ps. 45:2).

Judicial & healing — His word strikes and restores (Isa. 11:4).

Cosmic — He sustains everything by His word (Heb. 1:3).

Commanding — “Peace! Be still!” and the storm obeys (Mk 4:39).

Life-giving — He calls the dead to life (Jn 11).

Our aim is not merely to say true things about Jesus, but to sound like Jesus.

Text: John 8:1–11 — Four Sentences, One Savior

Critics drag a woman “caught in the act” before Jesus, attempting to trap Him between Moses' Law and Rome's ban on Jewish executions. Jesus is unshaken. He stoops to write in the dust, then speaks only a few sentences—and everything changes.

From this scene, we learn three practices for speaking like Jesus:

1) Speak with Grace and Patience

Jesus does not react; He pauses. He stoops, writes, and refuses to be baited. Wisdom waits before it speaks. Slowness is not weakness—it's Spirit-formed strength.

Practice: Buy time with holy pauses. Ask clarifying questions. Let curiosity open the door for conversation rather than confrontation.

The Word who once wrote the Law on stone now traces mercy in the dust.

He stoops into creation's soil to rewrite humanity's story.

The temple becomes a courtroom, but the Judge kneels in the place of the guilty.

And when He rises, the stones fall silent, for the only sinless One refuses to throw them.

The dust of the ground has met the finger of God — and a new world is beginning.

## 2) Speak Truth that Reveals, Not Condemns

“Let him who is without sin...” does not excuse sin; it exposes hearts and invites repentance—both for the accusers and the accused.

Practice: Say the hard thing in a way that helps people see God, not just that you're right. Truth is a light, not a hammer.

## 3) Speak Life that Restores

“Neither do I condemn you... go, and sin no more.” Jesus refuses cheap grace (He calls it sin) and refuses cold condemnation (He offers pardon and power).

Practice: Give people a way forward. Name sin clearly; then point to the Savior and the next faithful step.

## Theological Note on John 8

Some early manuscripts omit this passage, which is why many Bibles bracket it. Christians have nothing to hide—the textual notes are there to increase our confidence. The church has long received this account as an authentic portrait of Jesus consistent with His character and teaching.

Application: Let His Life Shape Your Voice

Abide before you articulate. Presence prepares tone (Ps. 19:14; Jn 15).

Balance grace and truth. Never use truth to crush where grace is meant to cure (Jn 1:14).

Speak slowly and spiritually. Heaven waits on humility; hell rushes to react.

Restore, don't trap. Confront to win a brother or sister, not to win an argument (Gal. 6:1; Jas. 5:19–20).

A Prayer to Practice

Lord, fill my heart with Your words. Let my voice carry Your presence. Make me full of grace and truth so that when people hear me, they hear You. Amen.