

4. He is the One who publicly lives as a servant to the people
5. He is the One who publicly lives as a shepherd to His flock
6. He is the One who publicly live as the great master/teacher

The Idea:

Public life is always a challenge to us in that the way in which we show ourselves publicly is an indication of what we are internally. It is not an automatic thing, of course, but usually goes that way. Some people in life are very good at looking better than they really are and some go the opposite way. The ideal is to be in public what I am in private and to have a public deportment that witnesses to whatever spiritual depth I profess. We study the life of the Lord because it was (is) the perfect life. We can never attain such perfection in this life for ourselves but His life is exemplary for us and offers guidelines for our living in every other measure. So this is why we look at His public life....that we might obtain a model for our public lives and display to the world about us the proper testimony to our Lord.

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MESSAGE # 1: HE IS THE ONE PUBLICLY COMMITTED TO THE WILL OF GOD

Biblical passages: Hebrews 10:1-10

I. Introduction to the Study:

That the Lord is a real and practical example to us is made clear in such passages as 1 Peter 2:21, Hebrews 12:2, Philippians 2:5, etc. That He is this in public life is demonstrated in the Gospels in the way in which He interacted with the officials of church and state and the multitudes that constantly followed Him. This commitment to the will of God is obvious in the Hebrews passage....He delighted to do the will of God. It was not only an internal desire but also a public or outward manifestation so that any who knew Him knew one thing very well....He came to do the will of the Father. This was not a private secret locked in His heart but an open declaration and a known truth that could have been published in the local newspapers had there been any such thing at the time.

II. Discussion: