

# Mark 1:22

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And they were astonished at his doctrine: for he taught them as one that had authority, and not as the scribes.

## Analysis

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They were astonished at his doctrine for he taught as one with authority not as scribes. Astonished indicates overwhelming amazement shock. His doctrine teaching content and method. Authority exousia means inherent right to speak and act. Jesus taught with divine authority derived from His identity as God Son not from human credentials or rabbinic tradition. Scribes taught by citing previous rabbis endlessly quoting authorities. Jesus spoke with originality and power thus saith the Lord carried weight. This authority extended to interpretation application and demanding obedience. Reformed theology affirms Scripture divine authority through apostolic and prophetic witness to Christ.

## Historical Context

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Scribes were professional Torah scholars who studied interpreted taught Jewish law. They functioned as lawyers teachers religious authorities. Rabbinic method involved citing chains of tradition this rabbi said that rabbi taught establishing precedent. Jesus revolutionary approach was to speak on own authority often contradicting or surpassing traditional interpretations. You have heard it was said but I say unto you demonstrated unparalleled authority. Common people recognized this immediately. Religious establishment saw it as threatening their position. Jesus authority derived from His divine nature and Spirit anointing not human education.

## Related Passages

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**Romans 10:9** — Confession and belief for salvation

**John 3:16** — God's love and salvation

**Romans 1:17** — The righteous shall live by faith

**James 2:17** — Faith and works

## Study Questions

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1. What does Jesus authority teach about how we should approach and teach Scripture?
2. How does recognizing Jesus divine authority shape our response to His commands?

## Interlinear Text

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καὶ ἐξεπλήσσαντο ἐπὶ τῇ διδαχῇ αὐτοὺς ἦν γὰρ  
**And** **they were astonished** **at** G3588 **doctrine** **his** G2258 **for**  
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διδάσκων αὐτοὺς ὥς ἐξουσίαν ἔχων καὶ οὐχ ὥς  
**he taught** **his** **as** **authority** **one that had** **And** **not** **as**  
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οἱ γραμματεῖς  
G3588 **the scribes**  
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## Additional Cross-References

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**Matthew 13:54** (Parallel theme): And when he was come into his own country, he taught them in their synagogue, insomuch that they were astonished, and said, Whence hath this man this wisdom, and these mighty works?

**John 7:46** (Parallel theme): The officers answered, Never man spake like this man.

**Luke 4:32** (Parallel theme): And they were astonished at his doctrine: for his word was with power.

**Jeremiah 23:29** (Parallel theme): Is not my word like as a fire? saith the LORD; and like a hammer that breaketh the rock in pieces?

**Acts 6:10** (Parallel theme): And they were not able to resist the wisdom and the spirit by which he spake.

**2 Corinthians 4:2** (Parallel theme): But have renounced the hidden things of dishonesty, not walking in craftiness, nor handling the word of God deceitfully; but by manifestation of the truth commending ourselves to every man's conscience in the sight of God.

**Luke 21:15** (Parallel theme): For I will give you a mouth and wisdom, which all your adversaries shall not be able to gainsay nor resist.