

Matthew 7:28

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And it came to pass, when Jesus had ended these sayings, the people were astonished at his doctrine:

Analysis

The crowds were astonished at Jesus's teaching because He taught with authority, unlike the scribes. He didn't merely cite previous authorities or debate interpretations—He spoke as God Himself, with inherent authority. 'You have heard it said, but I say' revealed His divine status as ultimate Lawgiver.

Historical Context

Scribes typically taught by citing other rabbis and debating interpretations. Authority came from scholarly tradition and pedigree. Jesus bypassed all this, speaking on His own authority and even challenging traditional interpretations. This claim to supreme authority ultimately led to His crucifixion.

Related Passages

John 15:13 — Greatest form of love

1 Corinthians 13:4 — Characteristics of love

Study Questions

1. Do you submit to Jesus's teaching as ultimate divine authority, or do you evaluate and selectively accept it?

2. How does Jesus's authority in teaching relate to His authority over every area of your life?

Interlinear Text

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Additional Cross-References

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

Mark 1:22 (Parallel theme): And they were astonished at his doctrine: for he taught them as one that had authority, and not as the scribes.

Mark 6:2 (Parallel theme): And when the sabbath day was come, he began to teach in the synagogue: and many hearing him were astonished, saying, From whence hath this man these things? and what wisdom is this which is given unto him, that even such mighty works are wrought by his hands?

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

Luke 4:22 (Parallel theme): And all bare him witness, and wondered at the gracious words which proceeded out of his mouth. And they said, Is not this Joseph's son?

Matthew 22:33 (Parallel theme): And when the multitude heard this, they were astonished at his doctrine.

John 7:15 (Parallel theme): And the Jews marvelled, saying, How knoweth this man letters, having never learned?

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