

“The Astonishing **Authority** of Christ”

Matthew 7:28-29

Message Title: “The Astonishing **Authority** of Christ”

I. Christ’s Authoritative **Impression** (vs 28a)

Matthew 13:54 “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?”

Matthew 19:23-25 “Then said Jesus unto his disciples, **Verily I say unto you, That a rich man shall hardly enter into the kingdom of heaven.** <sup>24</sup> **And again I say unto you, It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle, than for a rich man to enter into the kingdom of God.** <sup>25</sup> When his disciples heard *it*, they were exceedingly amazed, saying, Who then can be saved?”

Matthew 22:29a-32 “...**Ye do err, not knowing the scriptures, nor the power of God.** <sup>30</sup> **For in the resurrection they neither marry, nor are given in marriage, but are as the angels of God in heaven.** <sup>31</sup> **But as touching the resurrection of the dead, have ye not read that which was spoken unto you by God, saying,** <sup>32</sup> **I am the God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob? God is not the God of the dead, but of the living.”**

Matthew 22:33 “And when the multitude heard *this*, they were astonished at his doctrine.”

II. Christ’s Authoritative **Doctrine** (vs 28b)

Acts 2:42 “And they continued steadfastly in the apostles’ doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers.”

2 Timothy 3:14 “But continue thou in the things which thou hast learned and hast been assured of, knowing of whom thou hast learned them;”

2 Timothy 4:2 “Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine. <sup>3</sup> For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears;”

Titus 1:9 “Holding fast the faithful word as he hath been taught, that he may be able by sound doctrine both to exhort and to convince the gainsayers.”

III. Christ’s Authoritative **Delivery** (vs 29)

Matthew 9:8 “But when the multitudes saw it, they marvelled, and glorified God, which had given such power unto men.”

Matthew 28:18 “...**All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth.**”

Deuteronomy 18:18 “I will raise them up a Prophet from among their brethren, like unto thee, and will put my words in his mouth; and he shall speak unto them all that I shall command him.”

Matthew 28:19-20a “Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: <sup>20</sup> Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you:...”

IV. The Crowd’s Depraved **Decision**

John 14:6 “...I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.”

John 6:44 “No man can come to me, except the Father which hath sent me draw him:...”

V. The **Responsive** Application

- a. Be **Astonished** by Christ
- b. Be **Bold** in our Delivery
- c. Be **Committed** to Doctrine