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**Matthew 7:28-29**

**Jesus Teaches as One Having Authority**

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**The Amazement at Christ's Teaching**

**Matthew 7:28-29**  
When Jesus had finished these words, the crowds were **amazed** at His teaching; **for He was teaching them as one having authority**, and not as their scribes.

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**Jesus' Authority Displayed**

**"You have heard it said...but I say to you..."**

- Matthew 5:21-22
- Matthew 5:27-28
- Matthew 5:31-32
- Matthew 5:33-34
- Matthew 5:38-39

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**"Amazed" in Matthew**

- Matt. 7:28
- Matt. 13:54
- Matt. 19:25
- Matt. 22:33

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**"Amazed" in Matthew**

**Matthew 19:25**  
When the disciples heard *this*, **they were very astonished** and said, "Then who can be saved?"

**Matthew 22:33**  
When the crowds heard *this*, they **were astonished** at His teaching.

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**Applications**

1. The astonishing power of God seen by men doesn't necessarily bring about conversion.
2. We must not merely remain astonished; we must believe the word!
3. Jesus' teaching demonstrated He was the prophet foretold by Moses and the long awaited Messiah.

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### Amazed Men Don't Always Believe

#### **Matthew 13:54**

He came to His hometown and *began* teaching them in their synagogue, so that **they were astonished**, and said, "Where *did* this man *get* this wisdom and *these* miraculous powers?"

#### **Matthew 13:57-58**

And they took offense at Him. But Jesus said to them, "**A prophet** is not without honor **except in his hometown** and in his own household." And He did not do many miracles there because of their unbelief.

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### Faith More Important Than Amazement

#### **Matthew 11:20-21**

Then He began to denounce the cities in which most of His miracles were done, because they did not repent. "Woe to you, Chorazin! Woe to you, Bethsaida! **For if the miracles had occurred in Tyre and Sidon which occurred in you, they would have repented long ago** in sackcloth and ashes."

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### Jesus Is the Predicted Prophet

#### **Deuteronomy 18:15, 18-19**

The LORD your God **will raise up for you a prophet like me** from among you, from your countrymen, **you shall listen to him...** "I will raise up a prophet from among their countrymen like you, and I will put My words in his mouth, and he shall speak to them all that I command him. It shall come about that **whoever will not listen to My words which he shall speak in My name, I Myself will require it of him.**"

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### Jesus Is the Predicted Messiah

#### **Daniel 7:14**

And to Him was given **dominion**, glory and a kingdom, that all the peoples, nations and *men of every* language might serve Him. His **dominion** is an everlasting **dominion** which will not pass away; and His kingdom is one which will not be destroyed.

#### **Matthew 28:18**

And Jesus came up and spoke to them, saying, "**All authority** has been given to Me in heaven and on earth."

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