

The Gospel of Matthew #75

Sermon on the Mount: Overview (51st message on this sermon)

LOOK AT JESUS!

Matthew 7:28-29

5:28a: "When Jesus had finished saying these things..."

5x (7:28; 11:1; 13:53; 19:1; 26:1), at the end of 5 sections of teaching (chs 5-7; 10; 13; 18; 22-25) interspersed with 6 sections of narrative. These are the divisions of the book.

Matthew's observation on the reaction of the crowd: **amazement** at His **authority**

It is often asserted that this is the "original Jesus": the unassuming teacher of the highest ethical system. Deifying Him was the error of His followers

Picture the scene

Very ordinary man who proceeds to teach

- In an altogether different manner than they have ever heard
- Corrects all their religious authorities!
- Makes matter-of-fact breathtaking claims about Himself

Note especially

I. His authority as _____

- He knows the blessed life of the Kingdom
- His teaching is the true understanding of the OT in contrast with all their religious experts!
- 6x He says in contrast to their experts, "But *I* say to you"
- 6x He says "I tell you" (5:18; 6:2, 5, 16, 25, 29)
- He knows the heart of the Father in Heaven
- He knows how to pray and gives the definitive model
- He knows where true treasure is in contrast to our error
- He knows the solution to anxiety
- He knows my angry, vindictive, judgmental heart
- He knows the power of God, willing to change me

- He can sum up the entire OT on human relationships in 1 brief sentence
- His Way is narrow and the only safe way to Life
- His words must be obeyed to avoid destruction

II. His authority as _____

5:17-18 HE has come to fulfill the OT!

The hope of the entire OT is in Messiah, Who will fulfill all its hopes

Therefore He is claiming to be Messiah

(Done without fanfare!)

III. His authority as _____

- 5:11-12 his disciples will suffer for *His* sake the way the OT prophets suffered for YAHWEH's sake
- 5:13-14 He commissions them to be salt and light in society
- 7:21-23 At the Final Judgment HE is called "Lord" and HE determines everyone's eternal destiny! (cf. v24-27)

Are you ready before we leave this Sermon to acknowledge your spiritual poverty (5:3) and cast yourself on **Him** as *your Lord and Savior*?

Look at **Him** on the hillside come to save you.

All the difference between trusting ideas, teachings, doctrines, and a Person.

HE is here this morning to be your Refuge, your Teacher, and your Lord