

Providence Reformed Baptist Church – Sunday, January 30, 2022

Sermon Series: The Gospel of the Kingdom – Matthew

Message 59. Teaching with Authority – Matthew 7:28-29

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- I. Astonishment
 - A. He Taught not As the Scribes – not citing sources – Quote #1
 - 1. With no prophet for almost 500 years, the scribes had become the keepers of the “authority”
 - 2. “I say”, not “so-and-so says”
 - 3. He interprets the Law given through Moses
 - 4. He puts demands on His hearers – “whoever hears these sayings of Mine and does them”
 - B. The People were Astonished
 - 1. Amazed, bewildered, and shocked
 - 2. Teaching like this was scandalous
 - C. The People were Not:
 - 1. Converted – Quote #2
 - 2. Convinced
 - 3. Committed
 - 4. But they were Confused
 - a. How He spoke meant more to them than what He said
 - b. How can this ordinary carpenter with no education teach in this manner?
- II. Authority
 - A. Jesus’ Authority
 - 1. His right to speak in a situation without looking for approval – jurisdiction – Luke 4:36
 - 2. He doesn’t owe anyone an answer – Mark 11:28-33
 - 3. His authority is given to Him by the Father – John 5:24-30; 17:1-3; Rom. 13:1
 - a. Given to the Son – John 12:49
 - b. Given to the Spirit – John 16:13
 - 4. Authority over life and death – John 10:17-18
 - 5. All Authority – Matt. 28:18
 - B. Jesus’ References to Himself in the Sermon
 - 1. Matt. 5:11 – “for My sake” – not for the teaching, “for Me”
 - 2. Matt. 5:17 – He came to fulfill the law – Rom. 10:4; 2 Cor. 1:20
 - 3. Matt. 7:21 – “Not everyone who says to Me, ‘Lord, Lord’”
 - a. He is Lord
 - b. He is Judge – Quote #3
- III. All About Jesus
 - A. The Primacy of Person who Preached this Sermon – Quote #4 and #5 and #6
 - B. What is Your Response to this Sermon?
 - 1. Astonished
 - 2. Bored/Complacent
 - 3. Confused
 - 4. Trust and Obey – this sermon should cause us to see that He is the Son of God – 2 Tim. 1:12
 - C. Why Did He Come? – Quote #7
 - D. Conclusion: He IS that new life!

Quotes

1. “The scribes spoke *by* authority, resting all they said on traditions of what had been said before. Jesus spoke *with* authority, out of His own soul, with direct intuition of truth; and therefore, to the answering soul of His hearers.” – Alexander Bruce
2. “The greatest preacher. The greatest sermon. Yet Divine truth, even when preached to perfection, will not of itself affect the heart to conversion. The Holy Ghost must subdue the hearer’s heart.” – Charles Spurgeon
3. “The One who sat there on the Mount to teach is the One who at the end will sit on the throne of His glory and all the nations of the world shall appear before Him, and He will pronounce the judgment upon them.” – Martyn Lloyd-Jones
4. “Why should we listen to the Sermon and put it into practice? Because of the Person who preached it.” – Martyn Lloyd-Jones
5. All teaching, of theology, and of the whole Bible, is to bring us to a knowledge of Him and into a relationship with Him.” – Martyn Lloyd-Jones
6. “Recognize first the central truth of the gospel, that God’s only Begotten Son has entered this world of time. The preacher was the Son of God Almighty here in the flesh.” – Martyn Lloyd-Jones
7. “Why did He come? Why did He preach the Sermon? He has not just come to give another law. He was not merely telling people how to live, because the Sermon on the Mount is infinitely more impossible to practice than even the law of Moses, and we have already seen that there had not been a single human being who had been able to keep that. In this Sermon our Lord condemns once and for ever all trust in human endeavor and natural ability in the matter of salvation. He is telling us that we have all come short of the glory of God, and that however great our efforts and striving from now until our death, they will never make us righteous, or fit us to stand in the presence of God. Then He goes on to say that we all need the new birth, a new nature, and a new life. And what He is saying in this Sermon is that He has come in order to give us this new life.” – Martyn Lloyd-Jones

Cross References

Luke 4:36

36 Then they were all amazed and spoke among themselves, saying, “What a word this is! For with authority and power He commands the unclean spirits, and they come out.”

Mark 11:28-33

28 And they said to Him, “By what authority are You doing these things? And who gave You this authority to do these things?” 29 But Jesus answered and said to them, “I also will ask you one question; then answer Me, and I will tell you by what authority I do these things: 30 The baptism of John—was it from heaven or from men? Answer Me.” 31 And they reasoned among themselves, saying, “If we say, ‘From heaven,’ He will say, ‘Why then did you not believe him?’ 32 But if we say, ‘From men’ ”—they feared the people, for all counted John to have been a prophet indeed. 33 So they answered and said to Jesus, “We do not know.” And Jesus answered and said to them, “Neither will I tell you by what authority I do these things.”

John 5:24-30

24 “Most assuredly, I say to you, he who hears My word and believes in Him who sent Me has everlasting life, and shall not come into judgment, but has passed from death into life. 25 Most assuredly, I say to you, the hour is coming, and now is, when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God; and those who hear will live. 26 For as the Father has life in Himself, so He has granted the Son to have life in Himself, 27 and has given Him authority to execute judgment also, because He is the Son of Man. 28 Do not marvel at this; for the hour is coming in which all who are in the graves will hear His voice 29 and come forth—those who have done good, to the resurrection of life, and those who have done evil, to the resurrection of condemnation. 30 I can of Myself do nothing. As I hear, I judge; and My judgment is righteous, because I do not seek My own will but the will of the Father who sent Me.

John 17:1-3

17 Jesus spoke these words, lifted up His eyes to heaven, and said: “Father, the hour has come. Glorify Your Son, that Your Son also may glorify You, 2 as You have given Him authority over all flesh, that He should give eternal life to as many as You have given Him. 3 And this is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent.

Romans 13:1

13 Let every soul be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and the authorities that exist are appointed by God.

John 12:49

49 For I have not spoken on My own authority; but the Father who sent Me gave Me a command, what I should say and what I should speak.

John 16:13

13 However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come.

John 10:17-18

17 “Therefore My Father loves Me, because I lay down My life that I may take it again. 18 No one takes it from Me, but I lay it down of Myself. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again. This command I have received from My Father.”

Matthew 28:18

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

Romans 10:4

4 For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to everyone who believes.

2 Corinthians 1:20

20 For all the promises of God in Him are Yes, and in Him Amen, to the glory of God through us.

Matthew 5:11

11 Blessed are you when they revile and persecute you, and say all kinds of evil against you falsely for My sake.

Matthew 5:17

17 “Do not think that I came to destroy the Law or the Prophets. I did not come to destroy but to fulfill.

Matthew 7:21

21 “Not everyone who says to Me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven.

2 Timothy 1:12

12 For this reason I also suffer these things; nevertheless I am not ashamed, for I know whom I have believed and am persuaded that He is able to keep what I have committed to Him until that Day.