

**Introduction / Review:** Consider the content of the sermon Jesus preached in *Matthew 5:2—7:27*; it was followed by a certain reaction, “astonishment at His doctrine and authority...”

**I. At His Doctrine...**

It was:

1. Essentially central to His public ministry... *Mark 6:34*
2. Clearly of Divine origin... *John 14:24 cf. 6:40*
3. It was the truth... *Psalms 40:8-10*
4. It was deep and covered all subjects... *Psalms 119:96*
5. It came with understanding, conviction and sincerity... *Isaiah 61:1ff*
6. It was effective... *John 10:14ff*

**Observation:**

7. It was a mercy to hear Him... *John 17:8, 14, 17*
8. It far exceeded in grace and excellence anything they had ever heard...  
*John 1:14ff cf. John 6:63; 5:24; 6:68*
9. It was focused upon salvation and holiness of life... *Matthew 5:20*

**II. At His Authority (power by right)**

1. He preached with the conviction that what He said was absolute truth... *John 3:9-15*
2. He had a mandate from God... *John 4:34; 5:30, 36*
3. He had the Holy Spirit without measure... *John 3:34*
4. He only taught what the Scriptures taught... *Matthew 5:17 cf. John 10:35*
5. He possessed a clear vision as to the value of man's never dying soul... *Matthew 16:26*
6. He knew the danger of living and dying in unbelief... *John 3:18-19*
7. He spoke out of the authority of an impeccable, sinless life... *Matthew 11:29 cf. John 13:15 with 8:46*

**Observation:**

**Application:**