

SURRENDER



No one had ever taught
like this (such **authority**
and **power**)



This **teaching** was special
and the audience in
attendance knew it

Matthew 7:28-29



Jesus teaching had
left a mark (these people
were amazed, astonished,
dumbfounded – they were
struck by what He taught)



The **words** that came out of
Jesus' mouth were equal in
authority and power with
"Thus says the Lord"



When we first read this ending, we might be tempted to **conclude** that the audience's amazements led to **life-change**



Yet as they **departed** and left
that mountainside, that
audience remained
unchanged by that message



A white flag is attached to a wooden stick on the left side. The flag is waving and has the word "AMAZED" written on it in bold, black, uppercase letters. The background is dark and textured, possibly representing water or a dark surface.

AMAZED

Matthew 7:28-29

The phrase “**He was teaching**”
is a habitual term; it reveals that
Jesus **routinely** and **regularly**
taught with this authority



“Amazed” = depicts an
on-going sense of wonder



Jesus' **presence** caused
a constant stir
(What Jesus **did** and what
He **said**, made waves)



Our **response** to Jesus
CAN'T be **superficial**.
There **NEEDS** to be heart
level change – **hearing**
combined with **obedience**



Matthew 7:28-29

“Authority” = the **right to rule**, the one with the power to govern



Matthew 28:18-19

EVERYTHING about Jesus
points to His **God-given**
authority (Jesus claimed
equality with God)



1. What will we do with the **apparent need** we all have?

2. Does our **position** and standing move us to reciprocate our **appreciation** to God?



3. What are our **priorities** –
(What really consumes our
hearts and **minds**?)
4. What is the **source** of our
standards? – (What do we
base our lives upon?)



5. DON'T Be **hypocritical** –
evaluate the **planks** in our
own eyes first

