

**Sermon on the Mount – Matthew 7:28-29**  
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**These sayings**  
Refers to the sermon he just completed (ch 5-7)

**Authority**

28 *And when Jesus finished these sayings, the crowds were astonished at his teaching,*

**διδαχή didachē**  
Can refer to both content (doctrine) and manner.

**Astonished**  
Says nothing about their level of commitment.

**Crowds (5:1-2)**  
Likely much larger than just his 12 disciples.

29 *for he was teaching them as one who had authority, and *not as their scribes.**

**When Jesus Finished**

The first of five conclusions to discourses of Jesus in Matthew.

All of these include the same beginning words "When Jesus <had> finished"

In each case the conclusion is transitional:

- 7:28-29 > 8:1-17 - Authority over sickness and disease
- 11:1 > 11:2-3 - John the Baptist's question
- 13:53 > 13:54-58 - Rejected in His hometown
- 19:1 > 19:1-2 - Judean ministry
- 26:1 > 26:2-5 - Crucifixion

**Authority**

- **ἐξουσία exousia** - power to act, authority, jurisdiction
- Becomes a theme for the remainder of the Gospel - 8:9; 9:6-8; 10:1; 21:23-27; 28:18
- Many of the "scribes" limited their teaching to the authorities they cited, and a great part of their training centered on memorizing the received oral traditions.
- Jesus speaks in the first person and claims
  - That His teaching fulfills the OT;
  - That He determines who enters the messianic kingdom;
  - That as the Divine Judge He pronounces banishment;
  - That the true heirs of the kingdom would be persecuted for their allegiance to Him; and
  - That He alone fully knows the will of his Father.

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**When Jesus Finished**

**Matthew 7:28–29 (ESV)**

<sup>28</sup> And when Jesus finished these sayings, the crowds were astonished at his teaching, <sup>29</sup> for he was teaching them as one who had authority, and not as their scribes.

**Matthew 8:1–17 (ESV)**

<sup>1</sup> When he came down from the mountain, great crowds followed him. <sup>2</sup> And behold, a leper came to him and knelt before him, saying, “Lord, if you will, you can make me clean.” <sup>3</sup> And Jesus stretched out his hand and touched him, saying, **“I will; be clean.”** And immediately his leprosy was cleansed. <sup>4</sup> And Jesus said to him, **“See that you say nothing to anyone, but go, show yourself to the priest and offer the gift that Moses commanded, for a proof to them.”**

<sup>5</sup> When he had entered Capernaum, a centurion came forward to him, appealing to him, <sup>6</sup> “Lord, my servant is lying paralyzed at home, suffering terribly.” <sup>7</sup> And he said to him, **“I will come and heal him.”** <sup>8</sup> But the centurion replied, “Lord, I am not worthy to have you come under my roof, but only say the word, and my servant will be healed. <sup>9</sup> For I too am a man under authority, with soldiers under me. And I say to one, ‘Go,’ and he goes, and to another, ‘Come,’ and he comes, and to my servant, ‘Do this,’ and he does it.” <sup>10</sup> When Jesus heard this, he marveled and said to those who followed him, **“Truly, I tell you, with no one in Israel have I found such faith. <sup>11</sup> I tell you, many will come from east and west and recline at table with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven, <sup>12</sup> while the sons of the kingdom will be thrown into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.”** <sup>13</sup> And to the centurion Jesus said, **“Go; let it be done for you as you have believed.”** And the servant was healed at that very moment.

<sup>14</sup> And when Jesus entered Peter’s house, he saw his mother-in-law lying sick with a fever. <sup>15</sup> He touched her hand, and the fever left her, and she rose and began to serve him. <sup>16</sup> That evening they brought to him many who were oppressed by demons, and he cast out the spirits with a word and healed all who were sick. <sup>17</sup> This was to fulfill what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah: “He took our illnesses and bore our diseases.”

**Matthew 11:1 (ESV)**

<sup>1</sup> When Jesus had finished instructing his twelve disciples, he went on from there to teach and preach in their cities.

**Matthew 11:2–3 (ESV)**

<sup>2</sup> Now when John heard in prison about the deeds of the Christ, he sent word by his disciples <sup>3</sup> and said to him, “Are you the one who is to come, or shall we look for another?”

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**Matthew 13:53 (ESV)**

<sup>53</sup> And when Jesus had finished these parables, he went away from there,

**Matthew 13:54–58 (ESV)**

<sup>54</sup> and coming to his hometown he taught them in their synagogue, so that they were astonished, and said, “Where did this man get this wisdom and these mighty works? <sup>55</sup> Is not this the carpenter’s son? Is not his mother called Mary? And are not his brothers James and Joseph and Simon and Judas? <sup>56</sup> And are not all his sisters with us? Where then did this man get all these things?” <sup>57</sup> 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.”** <sup>58</sup> And he did not do many mighty works there, because of their unbelief.

**Matthew 19:1 (ESV)**

<sup>1</sup> Now when Jesus had finished these sayings, he went away from Galilee and entered the region of Judea beyond the Jordan.

**Matthew 19:1–2 (ESV)**

<sup>1</sup> Now when Jesus had finished these sayings, he went away from Galilee and entered the region of Judea beyond the Jordan. <sup>2</sup> And large crowds followed him, and he healed them there.

**Matthew 26:1 (ESV)**

<sup>1</sup> When Jesus had finished all these sayings, he said to his disciples,

**Matthew 26:2–5 (ESV)**

<sup>2</sup> **“You know that after two days the Passover is coming, and the Son of Man will be delivered up to be crucified.”**

<sup>3</sup> Then the chief priests and the elders of the people gathered in the palace of the high priest, whose name was Caiaphas, <sup>4</sup> and plotted together in order to arrest Jesus by stealth and kill him. <sup>5</sup> But they said, “Not during the feast, lest there be an uproar among the people.”

**Crowds**

**Matthew 5:1–2 (ESV)**

<sup>1</sup> Seeing the crowds, he went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him.

<sup>2</sup> And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying:

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**Teaching**

**1439** διδαχή (*didachē*), ἡς (*ēs*), ἡ (*hē*): n.fem.; ≡ Str 1322; TDNT 2.163—**1.** LN 33.224 **teaching** provide instruction (Mk 12:38; Jn 8:2 v.r.); **2.** LN 33.236 **doctrine**, content of what is taught (Mt 16:12; Ac 5:28; 17:19)<sup>1</sup>

**1322.** διδαχή *didachē*; from 1321; *doctrine, teaching*:—instruction(2), teaching(27), teachings(1).<sup>2</sup>

**Authority**

**2026** ἐξουσία (*exousia*), ας (*as*), ἡ (*hē*): n.fem.; ≡ Str 1849; TDNT 2.562—**1.** LN 37.35 **authority to rule** (Lk 19:17); **2.** LN 37.36 **jurisdiction**, the sphere of authority (Lk 4:6; 23:7); **3.** LN 37.37 **symbol of authority** (1Co 11:10), note other interpretations are suggested, see commentaries; **4.** LN 37.38 **ruler** (one who has authority over) (Lk 12:11); **5.** LN 37.13 **control**, a state of control over someone (Ac 5:4); **6.** LN 76.12 **power**, implying authority (Mk 3:15; Rev 9:19); **7.** LN 12.44 **supernatural power** (Eph 2:2); **8.** LN 30.122 **right to judge**, freedom to action (1Co 8:9)<sup>3</sup>

**1849.** ἐξουσία *exousia*; from 1832; *power to act, authority*:—authorities(7), authority(65), charge(1), control(1), domain(2), dominion(1), jurisdiction(1), liberty(1), power(11), powers(1), right(11).<sup>4</sup>

**Matthew 8:9 (ESV)**

<sup>9</sup> For I too am a man under authority, with soldiers under me. And I say to one, ‘Go,’ and he goes, and to another, ‘Come,’ and he comes, and to my servant, ‘Do this,’ and he does it.”

**Matthew 9:6–8 (ESV)**

<sup>6</sup> **But that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins**—he then said to the paralytic—**“Rise, pick up your bed and go home.”**<sup>7</sup> And he rose and went home.<sup>8</sup> When the crowds saw it, they were afraid, and they glorified God, who had given such authority to men.

**Matthew 10:1 (ESV)**

<sup>1</sup> And he called to him his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal every disease and every affliction.

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<sup>1</sup> Swanson, J. (1997). *Dictionary of Biblical Languages with Semantic Domains: Greek (New Testament)* (electronic ed.). Oak Harbor: Logos Research Systems, Inc.

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**Matthew 21:23–27 (ESV)**

<sup>23</sup> And when he entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came up to him as he was teaching, and said, “By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?” <sup>24</sup> Jesus answered them, “I also will ask you one question, and if you tell me the answer, then I also will tell you by what authority I do these things. <sup>25</sup> The baptism of John, from where did it come? From heaven or from man?” And they discussed it among themselves, saying, “If we say, ‘From heaven,’ he will say to us, ‘Why then did you not believe him?’ <sup>26</sup> But if we say, ‘From man,’ we are afraid of the crowd, for they all hold that John was a prophet.” <sup>27</sup> So they answered Jesus, “We do not know.” And he said to them, “Neither will I tell you by what authority I do these things.

**Matthew 28:18 (ESV)**

<sup>18</sup> And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.