

**“NO MAN EVER SPOKE LIKE THIS MAN”
John 7:40-46**

Introduction:

1. Jesus was teaching in the temple during the Feast of the Tabernacles.
2. Many believed in Him and said: “When the Christ comes, will He do more signs than these which this man has done” (John 7:31)?
3. The chief priests and Pharisees sent officers to arrest Jesus.
 - a. After a time the officers returned empty-handed.
 - b. “Why have you not brought him?” the priests and Pharisees demanded to know.
 - c. The officers replied, “No man ever spoke like this man!”
4. What makes the teaching of Jesus different from all other teaching of all other men in human history?

Discussion:

I. JESUS TAUGHT SIMPLY.

- A. He spoke so the common man could understand Him (Mark 12:37).
 1. He spoke of common, everyday things - farming, fishing, shepherding, baking, etc.
 2. He illustrated with parables, O.T. stories and nature.
- B. His teaching was not long and complex, but sufficient (2 Tim. 3:16,17).
 1. The New Testament is about one third as long as the Old.
 2. In addition to the O.T. the Jews follow other extensive works:
 - a. The Talmud which contains laws not found in the O.T.
 - b. The Midrash which is an authoritative commentary on the Old Testament.
 3. Islam has the Koran which is about the size of the New Testament.
 - a. The Hadith is authoritative traditions and teachings of Mohammed not found in the Koran.
 - b. Sharia is the pronouncements of scholars and judges

on the Koran and Hadith.

II. JESUS TAUGHT WITH AUTHORITY.

A. Jesus concluded the Sermon on the Mount with the Parable of the Two Builders (Matt. 7:24-29).

- 1. The one who accepts Jesus' teaching is compared to a wise builder who built upon the rock.**
- 2. The one who rejects Jesus' teaching is like a foolish man who built upon the sand.**
- 3. "The people were astonished at the teaching of Jesus for He taught them as One having authority...." (Matt. 7:28,29).**

B. Jesus' teaching is authoritative because it came from the Father.

"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 speak" (John 12:49).

III. JESUS PRACTICED WHAT HE PREACHED.

A. Ordinary teachers often teach a higher standard than they practice.

- 1. "Don't do as I do, but as I say," they proclaim.**
- 2. Men strive toward a goal but Jesus embodied in His life every principle and precept He taught.**

B. Jesus taught the importance of humility which is the opposite of pride.

- 1. "...whoever desires to become great among you, let him be your servant. And whoever desires to be first among you, let Him be your slave - just as the Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve, and give His life a ransom for many (Matt. 20: 26-28).**
- 2. Jesus washed His disciples' feet (John 13:3-16).**

IV. JESUS' STANDARD WAS SIMPLE, YET PROFOUND.

A. The "Golden Rule" is the foundation of all behavior (Matt. 7:12).

B. Giving is "more blessed than receiving" (Acts 20:35).

C. He condemned not only the deed but the thought which prompted the deed (Matt. 5:21,22; 27, 28).

D. He taught we must forgive others in order to be forgiven ourselves (Matt. 6:12, 14,15).

V. JESUS TAUGHT THE WORDS OF ETERNAL LIFE.

A. Jesus fed a great multitude with a few loaves and fish (John 6:1-40).

1. They wanted to make Him king.
2. He warned them of following Him for the wrong reasons:

“Most assuredly, I say to you, you seek Me, not because you saw the signs, but because you ate of the loaves and were filled. Do not labor for the food which perishes, but for the food which endures to everlasting life, which the Son of Man will give you...” (John 6:26, 27).

3. He taught them He was “the Living Bread which came down out of Heaven” (John 6:51).

“Whoever eats My flesh and drinks My blood has eternal life and I will raise him up at the Last Day” (John 6:54).

B. Many of His disciples deserted Him when He said these things (John 6: 60-69).

1. They said: “This is a hard saying. Who can hear it.”
2. Jesus asked the Twelve: “Will you also go away?”
3. Peter replied, “Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Also we have come to believe and know that You are the Christ, the Son of the Living God!”

Conclusion:

1. No man ever taught like Jesus.
 - a. The greatest Teacher of the ages taught simply.
 - b. The Man of meekness taught with all authority.
 - c. The One Who taught us how to live lived what He taught.
 - d. The standard of behavior taught by Jesus is the highest known to man but the simplest ever presented.
 - e. The greatest Teacher alone taught the words of eternal life.
2. Only the teachings of Jesus can save us from our sins (John 6:63).
3. We must obey His words in order to be saved (Luke 6:46; Heb. 5:8,9).