

Astonished At His Doctrine

Matthew 7:28

Matthew 22:33; Mark 1:22; 6:1-2; 11:15-18;
John 7:46

Definition

- Astonished (ekplesso NT:1605), from ek, "out of," plesso, "to strike," lit., "to strike out," signifies "to be exceedingly struck in mind, to be astonished" (ek, intensive). (from Vine's Expository Dictionary of Biblical Words, Copyright (c)1985, Thomas Nelson Publishers)
- They were amazed or filled with wonder by His teaching.

Astonished At Its Authority

- "He taught them as one having authority, and not as their scribes." Matthew 7:29
- Christ's teaching was different. "Ye have heard it said"... "But I say unto you." Note: Matthew 5:17-20
- Christ has all authority. Matthew 28:18; Ephesians 1:22-23, 5:23; Colossians 3:17
Authority of Moses. Matthew 17:1-5
Authority of religious councils.
Majority. Matthew 7:13-14
Preacher. 2 Timothy 4:2-4

Astonished At Its Simplicity

- Simple illustrations. Matthew 7:24-27; Common man understood. Mark 12:37
- Simplicity characterizes the teaching of Christ. Understandable revelation. Ephesians 3:3-4
Understand what the will of the Lord is. Ephesians 5:17
Paul feared some would be moved from its simplicity. 2 Corinthians 11:3

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- Some make it complicated:
 - Catholicism.
 - Denominationalism.
- Simplicity characterizes the Scriptures, we can learn by searching. John 5:39; Acts 17:11; 2 Timothy 2:15; 2 Timothy 3:14-15.

Astonished At Its Contents

- Many things no doubt astonished His hearers.
 - Matthew 5:3 and the self righteous Pharisees. Luke 18:10-12
 - Matthew 6:1-4 and the scribes and Pharisees. Matthew 23:2-6
 - Matthew 5:31-32 and those who thought that they could put away a wife for any cause. Matthew 19:3-12
 - Matthew 5:38-41 and those who despised the Romans who forced them into service.

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- Things believed in the Bible that aren't there.
 - December 25th isn't the birthday of Christ.
 - That Sinners aren't told to pray for salvation.
 - That Salvation isn't by faith only.
 - That Salvation isn't by grace only.
- Something To Do! Acts 2:37; 9:6; 10:34-35; 16:30

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- Things Bible teaches that astonishes.
 - There is one body. Ephesians 4:4 and it is the church. Ephesians 1:22-23; 5:23
 - There is one baptism. Eph. 4:5, and it is a burial Colossians 2:12, for remission of sins. Acts 2:38
 - That religious division is wrong. 1 Corinthians 1:10 and that Christ wants all who believe on him to be one. John 17:20-21; Galatians 1:6-9; 1 Corinthians 4:17

Astonished At Its Duration

- Heaven and earth will pass away, but His words will not. Matthew 24:35; cf. 1 Peter 1:23
- Relevant NOW! John 12:48
 - Homosexuality. Romans 1:24; Leviticus 18:22-23; Leviticus 20:13
 - Marriage. Hebrews 13:4; Matthew 19:9
 - Morals. 1 Corinthians 6:18

Astonished At His Doctrine???

- In what way?
 - Because of its AUTHORITY
 - Because of its SIMPLICITY
 - Because of its CONTENTS
 - Because of its DURATION
- Will you believe and obey it?

What Must I do to be Saved?

- Hear the word of God, Romans 10:17.
- Believe the Gospel, Mark 16:15-16.
- Repent of sins, Acts 2:38; 17:30.
- Confess faith, Acts 8:37.
- Be baptized for the remission of sins, Acts 2:38; 22:16.
- Be faithful unto death, Revelation 2:10.