

("JESUS TEACHES WITH GREAT AUTHORITY" from Salemsborg Lutheran Parish, Lindsborg, KS.)

Mark 1: 22

The people were amazed at His teaching because He taught them as one who had authority, not as the teachers of the law.

THE TEACHER

Jesus taught in all the synagogues like an eminent distinguished teacher

Unlike the scribes who centered on the law, He had no limitations as a preacher

Since He came from God, possessing authority, Jesus spoke as One divine

Not as human, hesitating or halting, and afraid to cross the line.

The scribes taught as law givers without spirit; lifeless, dictatorial and cold

While Christ's delivery was filled with affection, and presentation extremely bold

Our Lord didn't seek the support of others, but spoke in His own name

For from His Father, received great power, and knew from hence it came.

Those listening to Jesus were truly astonished at His wisdom knowledge and insight

Their consciousness of divine authority made the scribes look foolish in Christ's light

He was authority incarnate----the Word of God made flesh

When He spoke, God spoke; mankind's safety net---- the very thread and mesh.

Write Your sayings upon our hearts, we beseech thee Lord today

Implanting in our souls Your pure and holy sermon, profound in every way

May we always grow and be nourished by the mighty power of Your Word

Treasuring it always in our minds, as the sweetest message ever heard.