***The Sermon on the Mount***

**Basking in the Authority of Jesus; Matthew 7:28-29, 28:16-20**

I. The Amazing Teaching of Jesus, Matthew 7:28

II. The Unique Teaching of Jesus, Matthew 7:29

III. The Authoritative Teaching of Jesus, Matthew 7:29

IV. The Transferable Teaching Authority of Jesus, Matthew 28:18-20

**I. Scripture Reading**

* **Read Matthew 7:28-29, Matthew 28:16-20 (Slides)**
* The connection between the Sermon on the Mount and this final encounter in Matthew’s Gospel is quite striking
* In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus is teaching them on a Mount or hill in Galilee
* Is this the same hill that He gathers them in Matthew 28?
* The statements within this Great Commission are so similar to the statements in and around the Sermon on the Mount
* They gather on a Mountain in Galilee
* They are told to go and baptize and Matthew 3-4, the setting prior to the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus is baptized and then begins calling disciples to Himself

**II. Exposition of Matthew 7:28-29 (Title Slide – Slide 1)**

* Who has the authority to make claims on our lives?
* When playing games with the boys, there is often a battle over the rules or over what happened
* Did Austin score a touchdown or was he down before he scored?
* Did Michael score or was it a fumble before he scored?
* We played our annual football game with the Heefners this past week, where Dan and I are the designated quarterbacks and we divide teams to make it as even as possible
* How is it that Dan and I have authority over the game?
* 1. We are bigger than the kids
* 2. We have adult experience so that the kids know intuitively they should at least listen to us
* 3. We have parental authority that means we can discipline
* 4. Ultimately we own the footballs
* Now the kids could say that they don’t like the authority during the game to fall to me and Dan
* The kids could even attempt to ignore our authority
* However, this would be at their own peril because Dan and I have the authority and power to make their lives miserable
* We have the authority to decide who plays and who doesn’t
* We have the authority to end the game and send everyone home

**III. The Authority of Jesus**

* **Read Matthew 7:28-29 (Slide 2)**
* Authoritative in several ways
* One, in the authoritative manner in which He delivered His message
* Jesus’ claims to authority, just a few examples
* Two, in the authoritative content, unique content of His message
* His authority to fulfill the Law
* **Read Matthew 5:17-18 (Slide 3)**
* His authority to interpret the Law
* **Read Matthew 5:21-22 (Slide 4)**
* His authority to forgive violations of the Law
* **Read Matthew 9:6-8 (Slide 5)**
* His authority to hold accountable all people according to the Law
* **Read Matthew 25:31-32 (Slide 6)**

**IV. His last public ministry act in the Book of Matthew is to take this authority and transfer it to the disciples**

* **Read Matthew 28:18 (Slide 7)**
* Transfers this authority to us and tells us to go and take this authoritative message in His name to the nations
* What are we to do with this transferred authority
* **Read Matthew 28:19-20 (Slide 8)**
* The Sermon on the Mount is not only the authority in our lives, but it gives to us the content to take to our neighbors, our nation, our world

**V. Conclusion (Header slide – Slide 16)**

* 1. We must know what Jesus said
* Otherwise we become like an athlete unaware of the rules
* 2. We must submit our lives to what Jesus said
* 3. We must take this message of Jesus Christ, what He said, what He did, His power and authority, His second coming, the judgment of people, we must take this message to the world