

“NO MAN EVER SPOKE LIKE THIS MAN!”

Introduction

- 1) **John 7:2, 10-46** – Jesus went to Jerusalem during the Feast of Tabernacles; much discussion about Him; Pharisees and chief priests sent officers to take Him
- 2) Officers come back empty-handed, answering, “*No man ever spoke like this Man!*”
- 3) What did they mean? How did Jesus speak? How does He speak today?

I) **Jesus Spoke the Truth with Authority**

- A) Jesus spoke the truth of heaven (Jn. 7:16-17; 12:48-50 – total agreement with Father)
 - 1) Spoke as one *having* authority (Matt. 7:28-29; Mk. 1:21-22)
 - 2) Jesus did not play word-games, was not ambiguous, did not contradict himself
 - 3) Spoke to the true needs of His hearers (Lk. 12:13-15; danger of sin, joy of salvation)

II) **Jesus Spoke to be Understood**

- A) Common people heard him gladly – spoke message in simple, ordinary language (Mk. 12:37)
 - 1) Did not use “scholarly” language understandable by only a select few
 - 2) Faith comes by hearing (understanding); those who won’t hear don’t want to believe

III) **Jesus Spoke Words of Life**

- A) Jesus spoke words that provided spiritual life for the soul (Jn. 6:63)
 - 1) He would provide the bread of life (Jn. 6:48-51)
 - 2) He would provide the water of life (Jn. 4:13-14)
- B) We must “feed” on Jesus and His words of eternal life (Jn. 6:50-58, 68-69)
 - 1) Without Jesus, we will die in our sins (Jn. 8:24)
 - 2) We only have the hope of eternal life in Jesus Christ (1 Jn. 1:1; 5:11-13)

IV) **Jesus Spoke with the Power of the Divine Creator**

- A) All things were made through the Word (Jn. 1:1-3; Gen. 1:3; Psa. 33:6-9)
 - 1) The creation obeyed His word (Mk. 4:39-41)
 - 2) The sick were healed by His word (Matt. 8:5-13)
 - 3) The dead were raised by His voice (Jn. 11:43-44)

V) **Jesus Spoke with Love and Rebuke, Compassion and Reprimand**

- A) Jesus spoke the most loving and compassionate invitation ever offered (Matt. 11:28-30)
 - 1) He also rebuked sinners (Lk. 13:3) and reprimanded error (Matt. 15:3)
 - 2) This is not contradictory, but perfectly balanced – no invitation to be saved holds any meaning unless there is a proper rebuke of sinfulness

VI) **Jesus Still Speaks Today!**

- A) God speaks to us in these last days by His Son (Heb. 1:1-2; Col. 3:16)
- B) The Son upholds all things by the word of His power (Heb. 1:3)
- C) As the Word of God, Jesus:
 - 1) Defeats evil (Rev. 19:11-13)
 - 2) Saves the lost (1 Pet. 1:23-25)
 - 3) Will raise everyone at the last day and judge all men (Jn. 5:28-29; 12:48)

Conclusion

We are so blessed by God to be able to hear the **Word of Life, Jesus the Christ**. His word is powerful in every way possible. It will save us, instruct us, discipline us, revive us, protect us, raise us from the dead, and judge us. Are you feeding your soul with His eternal word (Acts 20:32)?