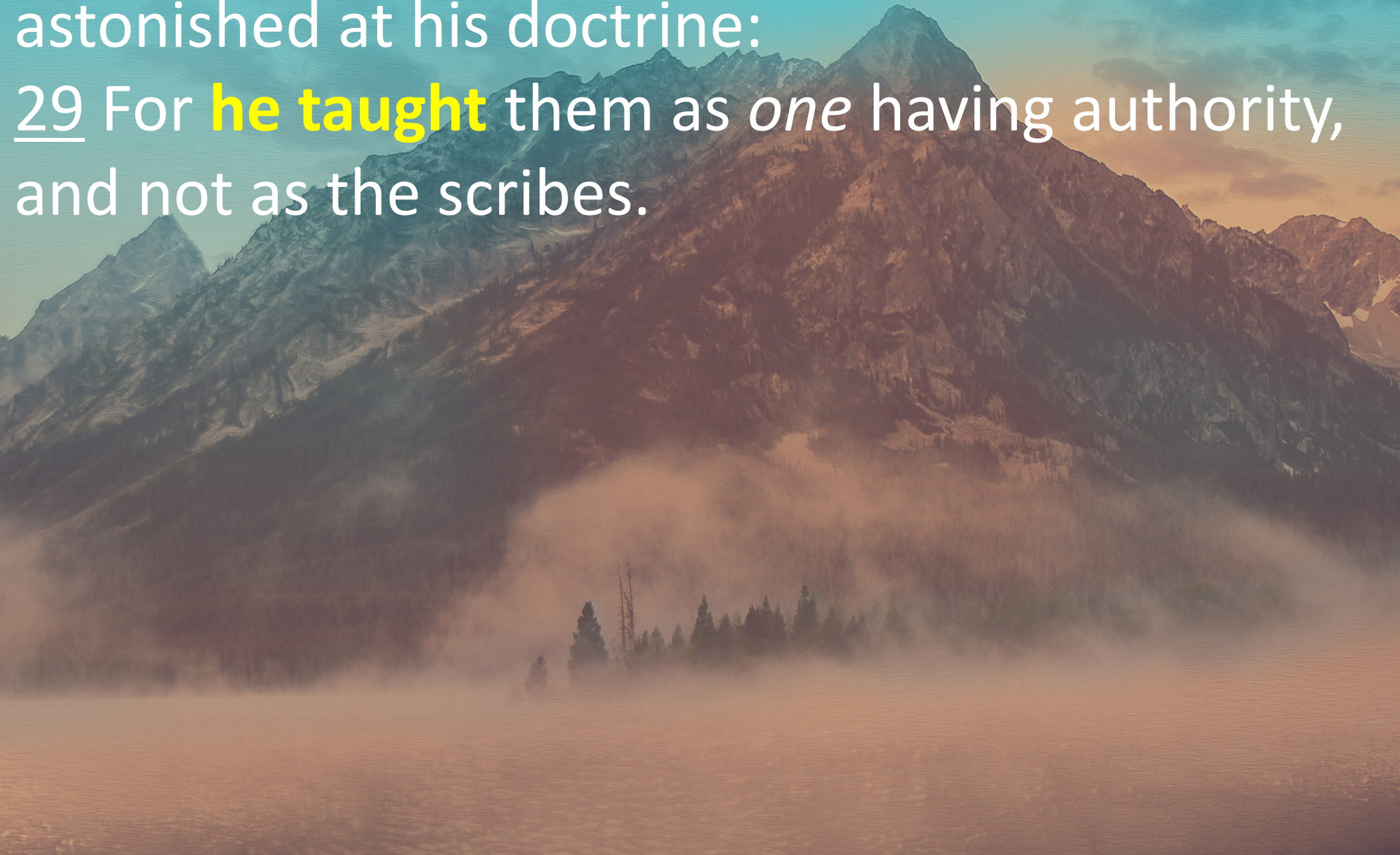




THE SERMON ON THE MOUNT
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Jesus closes out the Sermon on the Mount with several “pairs” that are used as important contrasts:

The two paths, 7:13-14

The two trees, 7:15-20 (cf. Luke 6:43-44)

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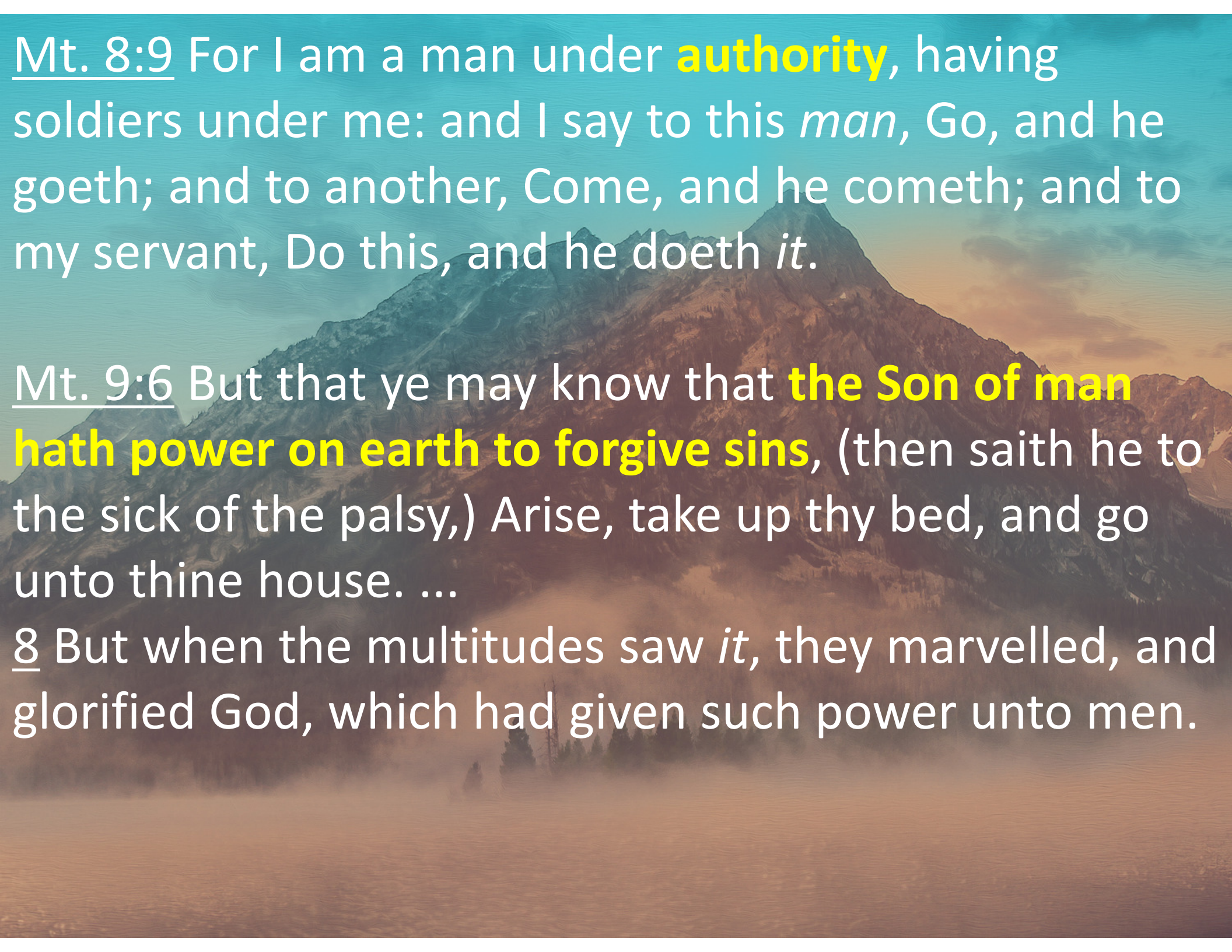
Tonight, we close out the Sermon on the Mount with a view of the response of the audience. The emphasis is not only on the message, but also upon the Messenger.

2. The Astonishment of the Multitude, 7:28-29

a. At the Content of the Sermon, 7:28

Mt. 7:28 **And it came to pass**, when Jesus had ended these sayings, the people were astonished at his doctrine:

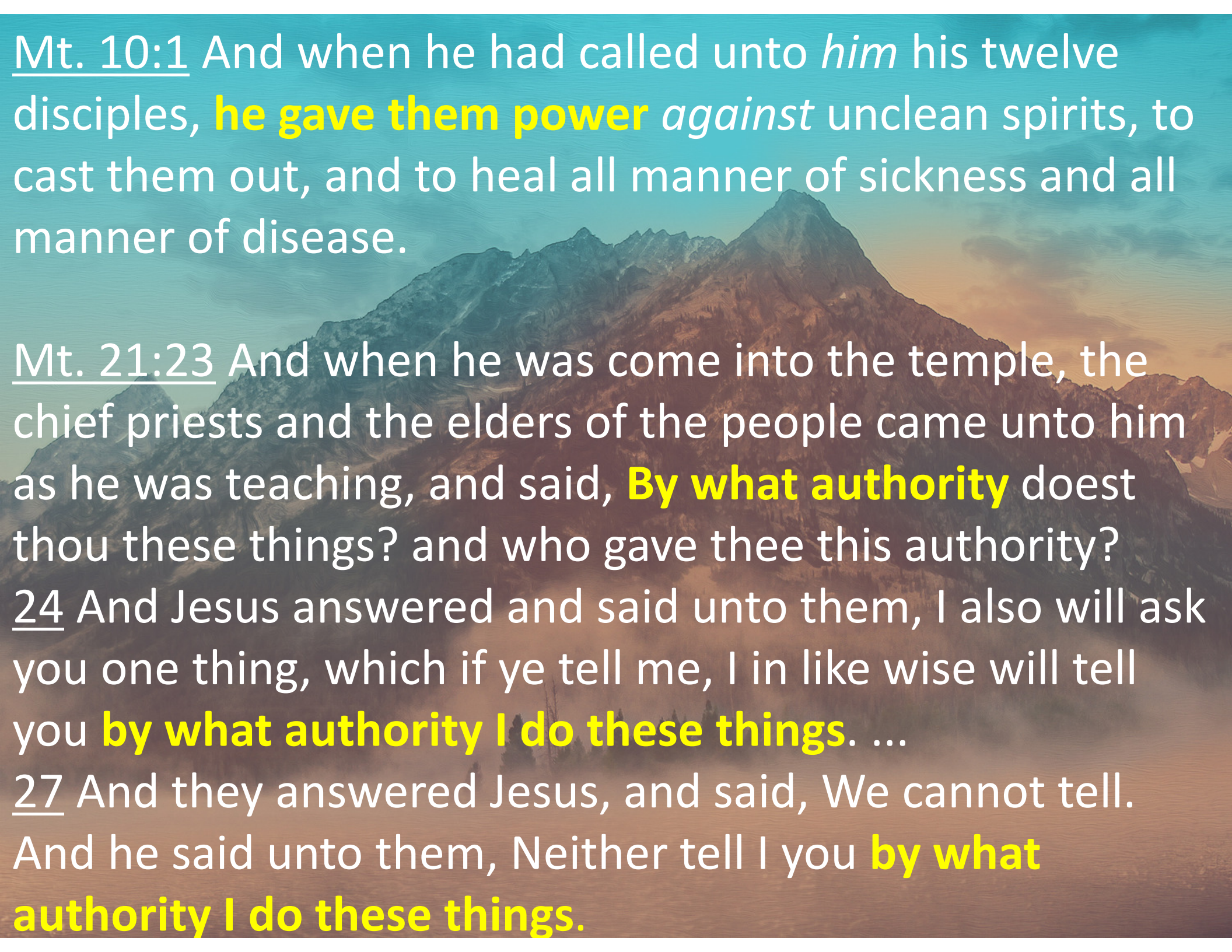
- ❖ Jesus' "teaching" included both His content and His delivery.
- ❖ What impressed the crowds was Jesus' "authority" when He taught. This is the first occurrence of another theme that Matthew stressed.



Mt. 8:9 For I am a man under **authority**, having soldiers under me: and I say to this *man*, Go, and he goeth; and to another, Come, and he cometh; and to my servant, Do this, and he doeth *it*.

Mt. 9:6 But that ye may know that **the Son of man hath power on earth to forgive sins**, (then saith he to the sick of the palsy,) Arise, take up thy bed, and go unto thine house. ...

8 But when the multitudes saw *it*, they marvelled, and glorified God, which had given such power unto men.

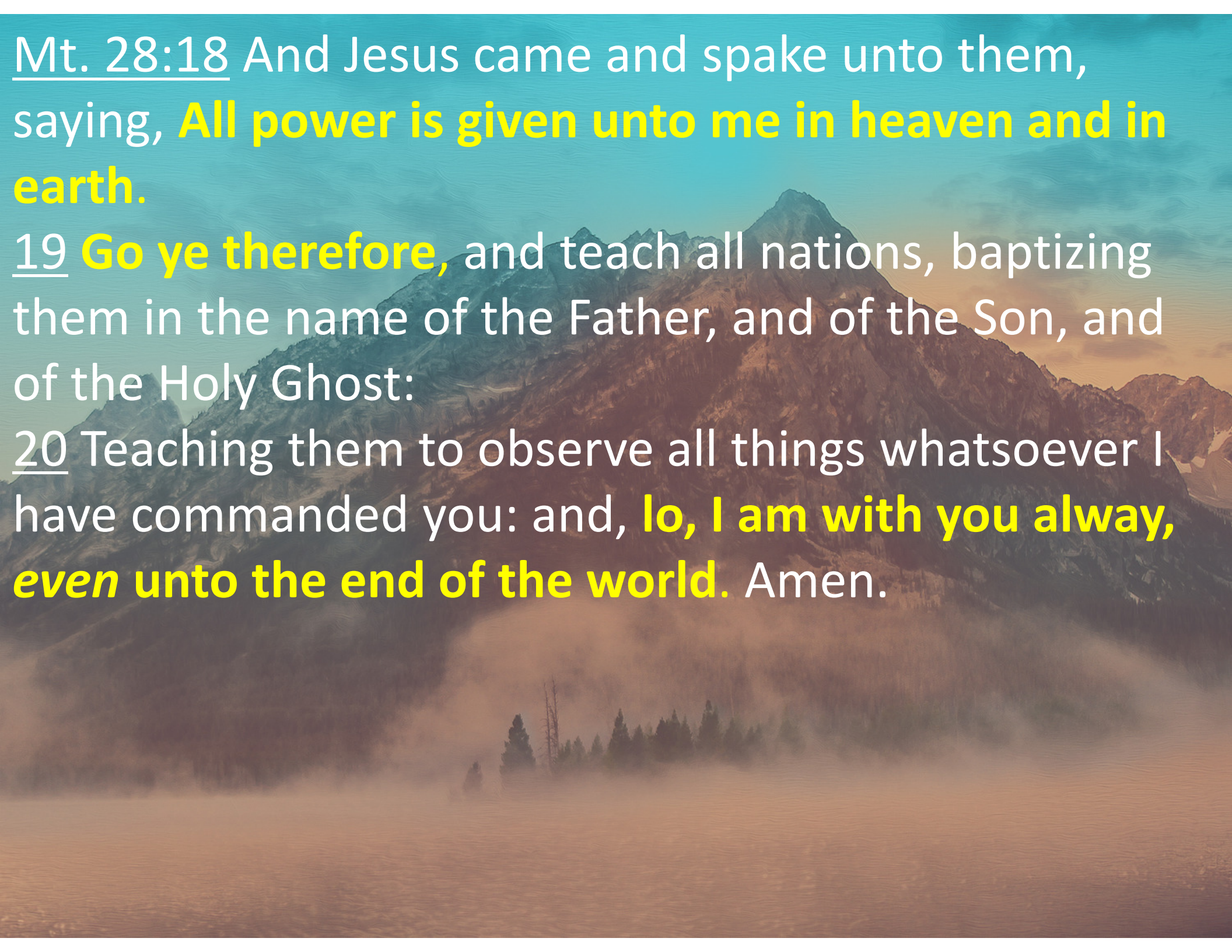


Mt. 10:1 And when he had called unto *him* his twelve disciples, **he gave them power** *against* unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal all manner of sickness and all manner of disease.

Mt. 21:23 And when he was come into the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came unto him as he was teaching, and said, **By what authority** doest thou these things? and who gave thee this authority?

24 And Jesus answered and said unto them, I also will ask you one thing, which if ye tell me, I in like wise will tell you **by what authority I do these things**. ...

27 And they answered Jesus, and said, We cannot tell. And he said unto them, Neither tell I you **by what authority I do these things**.

A scenic landscape featuring a range of mountains in the background, some with patches of snow. In the foreground, there is a calm lake reflecting the sky. The sky is a mix of light blue and soft orange, suggesting a sunrise or sunset. The overall atmosphere is serene and majestic.

Mt. 28:18 And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, **All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth.**

19 **Go ye therefore,** and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:

20 Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, **lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world.** Amen.

Original Word: ἐξουσία

Transliteration: exousia

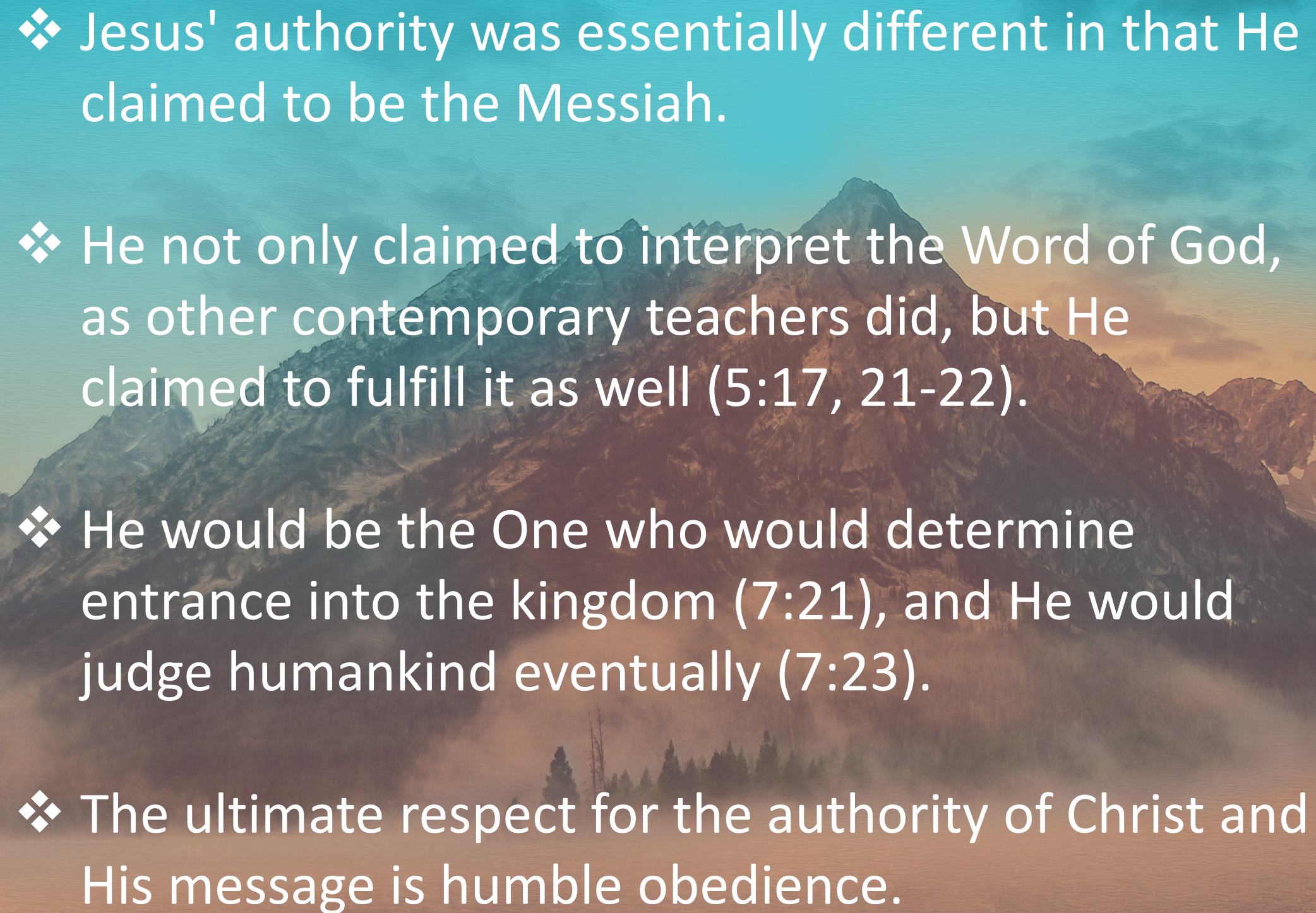
Definition: power to act, authority

Usage: (a) power, authority, weight, especially: moral authority, influence, (b) in a quasi-personal sense, derived from later Judaism, of a spiritual power, and hence of an earthly power.

eksousía – authority, conferred power; delegated empowerment ("authorization"), operating in a designated jurisdiction.

In the NT, *eksousía* ("delegated power") refers to the authority God gives to His saints – authorizing them to act to the extent they are guided by faith (His revealed word).

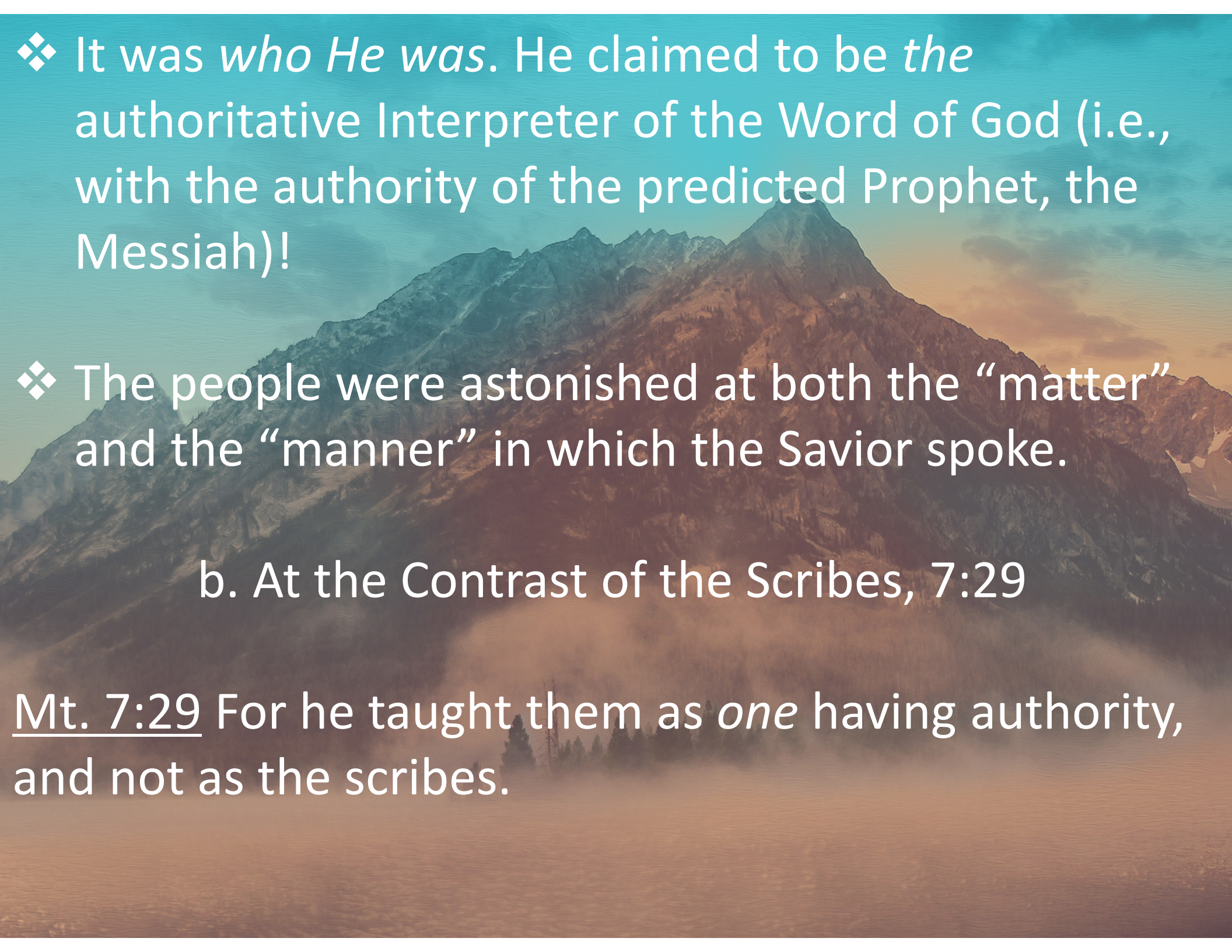
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- ❖ Jesus' authority was essentially different in that He claimed to be the Messiah.
 - ❖ He not only claimed to interpret the Word of God, as other contemporary teachers did, but He claimed to fulfill it as well (5:17, 21-22).
 - ❖ He would be the One who would determine entrance into the kingdom (7:21), and He would judge humankind eventually (7:23).
 - ❖ The ultimate respect for the authority of Christ and His message is humble obedience.

Jn. 4:34 Jesus saith unto them, **My meat is to do the will of him that sent me**, and to finish **his work**.

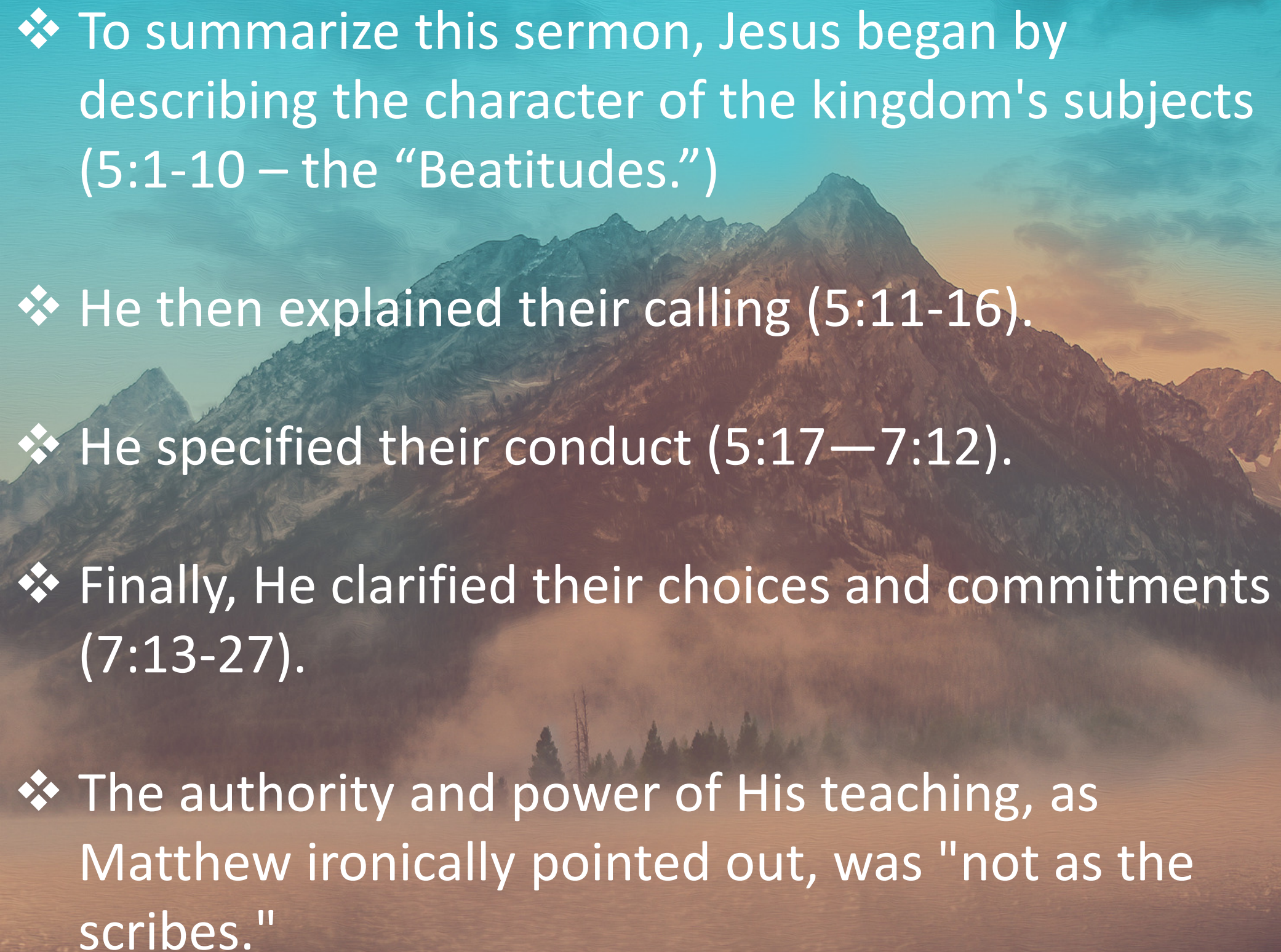
Jn 6:38 For I came down from heaven, **not to do mine own will, but the will of him that sent me**.

- ❖ Jesus also claimed that His teaching amounted to God's Word (7:24, 26).
- ❖ Therefore the authoritative note in His teaching was not primarily His sincerity, or His oratorical style, or His lack of reference to earlier authorities.

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- ❖ It was *who He was*. He claimed to be *the* authoritative Interpreter of the Word of God (i.e., with the authority of the predicted Prophet, the Messiah)!
 - ❖ The people were astonished at both the “matter” and the “manner” in which the Savior spoke.

b. At the Contrast of the Scribes, 7:29

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- ❖ To summarize this sermon, Jesus began by describing the character of the kingdom's subjects (5:1-10 – the “Beatitudes.”)
 - ❖ He then explained their calling (5:11-16).
 - ❖ He specified their conduct (5:17—7:12).
 - ❖ Finally, He clarified their choices and commitments (7:13-27).
 - ❖ The authority and power of His teaching, as Matthew ironically pointed out, was “not as the scribes.”

"The King has proclaimed the nearness of the kingdom and has authenticated that message with great signs. With people flocking to Him He instructs His disciples concerning the character of those who shall inherit the kingdom. The kingdom, though earthly, is founded on righteousness. Thus **the theme of His message is righteousness.**"

Lloyd-Jones, D. Martyn. *Studies in the Sermon on the Mount*. N.c.: Inter-Varsity Fellowship, 1959 & 1960. Reprint ed. 2 vols. Grand Rapids: Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Co., 1967. 2:77.

❖ Jesus proceeded to demonstrate His authority by performing powerful miracles that liberated captives from their bondage, signs that the Old Testament prophets said Messiah would perform.

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Conclusion

Jn. 5:22 For the Father judgeth no man, but hath **committed all judgment unto the Son:**

23 That all *men* should honour the Son, even as they honour the Father. He that honoureth not the Son honoureth not **the Father which hath sent him.**

24 Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and **believeth on him that sent me**, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life.

25 Verily, verily, I say unto you, The hour is coming, and now is, when the dead shall hear the voice of the Son of God: and they that hear shall live.

26 For as the Father hath life in himself; so hath he given to the Son to have life in himself;

27 And hath **given him authority to execute judgment** also, because he is the Son of man.

28 Marvel not at this: for the hour is coming, in the which all that are in the graves shall hear his voice,

29 And shall come forth; they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life; and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of damnation.

30 I can of mine own self do nothing: as I hear, I judge: and my judgment is just; **because I seek not mine own will, but the will of the Father which hath sent me.**