

# CITYWEST CHURCH

## SOTM #8 - LORD OF THE MOUNTAIN.

When Jesus had finished saying these things, the crowds were amazed at his teaching, **29** for he taught with real authority—quite unlike their teachers of religious law.

**Matthew 7:28-29 (NLT)**

*We have looked this series so much at the challenge the SOTM is for us all, but today we are going to look at how the SOTM reveals Jesus.*

### ***Who Was This Man?***

*The Sermon on the Mount ends not with applause, but with astonishment. People were shaken—not just by what Jesus said, but how He said it.*

*He wasn't quoting rabbis.*

*He wasn't hedging his words.*

*He wasn't adding to tradition—He was redefining it.*

*They said He had real authority. Not borrowed. Not secondhand. Real.*

*We love the Sermon on the Mount because it's full of wisdom for everyday life. But sometimes we miss the deeper thing happening.*

*This isn't just about how to live—it's about **who Jesus is**. He's not just a good teacher. He's not just an inspiring leader. He's **God in the flesh**, walking among us, speaking with authority, and living like one of us.*

*This is Christology from the Sermon on the Mount—**Jesus as fully God, fully man**.*

*Christology is who Jesus is, in theological terms. Why is this important? I am not trying to do a theological flex; it's important because getting this into our hearts and actions helps us know Jesus better, and love and lead others to Jesus better.*

*Jesus isn't just a good teacher—He's the **Lord of the Mountain**.*

*Throughout this series, we've heard challenging, heart-level teaching:*

- *Blessed are the poor in spirit (Matt 5:3)*
- *You have heard it said... but I say (Matt 5:21–48)*
- *Do not worry about tomorrow (Matt 6:34)*
- *Take the narrow path (Matt 7:13–14)*

*Every word was both **relatable** and **radical**.*

*He spoke to our reality while calling us higher.*

*No teacher could do that—only the Son of God could.*

*With that said, let's jump into some points for today:*

## 1. JESUS FULLY HUMAN - HE UNDERSTANDS.

Therefore, it was necessary for him to be made in every respect like us, his brothers and sisters, so that he could be our merciful and faithful High Priest before God. Then he could offer a sacrifice that would take away the sins of the people. **18** Since he himself has gone through suffering and testing, he is able to help us when we are being tested.

### Hebrews 2:17-18 (NLT)

“So the Word became human and made his home among us.”

### John 1:14 (NLT)

*The Sermon on the Mount is filled with moments that show Jesus’ deep understanding of our human condition:*

- *He speaks to anxiety (Matt 6:25–34)*
- *He talks about conflict, anger, lust, worry, and revenge (Matt 5:21–44)*
- *He acknowledges how hard it is to forgive, love enemies, and stay pure (Matt 5–7)*

*He’s not speaking from a distance. He knows the cost.*

*“For we do not have a high priest who is unable to empathize with our weaknesses...” (Hebrews 4:15)*

*When Jesus says “Don’t worry”, it’s not a platitude—it’s empathy with authority. He’s felt what we feel. He walked our road. He got tired, hungry, and misunderstood.*

*That’s what gives the SOTM such weight.*

*It’s not theoretical.*

*It’s real-life, human Jesus giving us a vision for God’s kingdom.*

## 2. JESUS IS FULLY GOD - HE COMMANDS WITH AUTHORITY.

For in Christ lives all the fullness of God in a human body.

### **Colossians 2:9 (NLT)**

And he has given him authority to judge everyone because he is the Son of Man.

### **John 5:27 (NLT)**

*He says:*

- *You've heard it said... but I say — speaking with divine authority (Matt 5)*
- *Everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is wise (Matt 7:24)*
- *Many will say to me 'Lord, Lord'... and I will tell them plainly (Matt 7:22–23)*

*Who talks like this?*

*Not prophets. Not pastors. Only God in the flesh.*

*At the end of the sermon, people were amazed.*

*Why? Because this was God talking.*

***This is what theologians call the Hypostatic Union — Jesus is fully God, fully man, all the time.***

Jesus replied, “Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and yet you still don’t know who I am? Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father! So why are you asking me to show him to you?”

### **John 14:9 ( NLT)**

### 3. SON OF MAN, THE TITLE THAT SAYS IT ALL.

But Jesus remained silent. Then the high priest said to him, “I demand in the name of the living God—tell us if you are the Messiah, the Son of God.”

<sup>64</sup> Jesus replied, “You have said it. And in the future you will see the Son of Man seated in the place of power at God’s right hand<sup>11</sup> and coming on the clouds of heaven.”<sup>12</sup>

<sup>65</sup> Then the high priest tore his clothing to show his horror and said, “Blasphemy! Why do we need other witnesses? You have all heard his blasphemy.

#### **Matt 26:63-65 (NLT)**

As my vision continued that night, I saw someone like a son of man<sup>[d]</sup> coming with the clouds of heaven. He approached the Ancient One and was led into his presence. 14 He was given authority, honor, and sovereignty over all the nations of the world, so that people of every race and nation and language would obey him. His rule is eternal—it will never end. His kingdom will never be destroyed.

#### **Daniel 7:13-14 (NLT)**

*He’s quoting Daniel 7:13–14, which says this Son of Man is:*

- *Glorious*
- *Eternal*
- *Worthy of worship*
- *Ruler of all nations*

*This isn’t just humanity—this is divinity revealed. By calling Himself Son of Man, Jesus is saying: I know your struggle (man) I hold all authority (God)*

*If Jesus is only human, He can relate, but He can’t save.*

*If Jesus is only God, He can save, but He can’t relate.*

*But because Jesus is both, we have:*

*a. A God who Understands Our Struggle*

*He knows what it is to be tired, tempted, and troubled.*

*b. A Saviour Who Can Actually Save*

*He doesn’t just give advice—He gives life (John 10:10).*

*c. An Example Worth Following*

*He doesn't just say, "Be perfect"—He empowers us with His Spirit to live the narrow way.*

*Let the Sermon on the Mount leave you astonished again.*

*Not just at the words—but at the One who spoke them.*

*He is not just the teacher on the mountain.*

*He is the Lord of the Mountain.*

*So today, wherever you find yourself—anxious, tired, hungry for righteousness—*

*Jesus meets you in your humanity, and calls you into His divinity.*

### **CONNECT GROUP QUESTIONS:**

- 1. What stood out to you more in this message—the authority of Jesus as God or His empathy as a human? Why does holding both matter in your faith journey?**
- 2. The people were “amazed” at Jesus’ teaching. When was the last time the words of Jesus left you truly astonished? What made it hit differently?**
- 3. How does knowing that Jesus is both fully God and fully human help you trust Him more or follow His teaching in real life?**