

<sup>24</sup> "Everyone then who hears these words of mine and does them will be like a wise man who built his house on the rock. <sup>25</sup> And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall, because it had been founded on the rock. <sup>26</sup> And everyone who hears these words of mine and does not do them will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand. <sup>27</sup> And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell, and great was the fall of it."

<sup>28</sup> And when Jesus finished these sayings, the crowds were astonished at his teaching, <sup>29</sup> for he was teaching them as one who had authority, and not as their scribes.

Matthew 7:24-29 (ESV)

#### Response #1:

We can be astonished by His teaching. (28-29)

Response #2:

We can ignore His teaching. (26-27)

Response #3:

We can obey His teaching. (24-25)

TEACHING BIG IDEA:

Jesus' teaching always makes an impact!





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### **TEACHING SUMMARY:**

What makes a great teacher? The ability to communicate clearly, the energy to elevate others, and the competency over the material shared may be a short list of characteristics.

Even those who are skeptical of Jesus typically admit that He was a great teacher. The only problem was that the very thing that made Jesus a great teacher was the thing His skeptics doubted.

# **TALK-IT-OVER:**

How does a teacher's authority influence the effectiveness of the teacher's communication?

In the contrast between being "astonished" by Jesus' teaching and actively obeying it, what role does personal conviction play in receiving and applying His teaching?

Reflecting on the metaphor of building one's house on rock versus sand, what implications does this have for you?

What is one next step you need to take today?

Who do you need to tell about what you've learned?

## **DAILY SCRIPTURE READING:**

Day 1) Luke 11:1-4

Day 2) Matthew 12:1-8

Day 3) Matthew 28:18

Day 4) Mark 1:21-28

Day 5) Luke 5:23-25

Day 6) John 17:1-3