



Under What Authority?

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What does Christ's authority look like?

1. The authority of Christ is _____.

2. The authority of Christ is _____.

3. The authority of Christ is _____ everything.

TAKE HOME TRUTH

Christ's authority _____ obedience.

Today's Core Belief:

Jesus Christ: "I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God, conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin – that He suffered, was crucified and buried, but rose on the third day, after which He ascended into heaven where He sits at the Father's right hand." (from Hebrews 1:3)



Deeper Connection Study

Luke describes Jesus' ministry in Capernaum and the many miracles performed there. In this section, we see two out of five examples of Jesus healing on the Sabbath (4:31-37; 4:38-39; 6:6-11; 13:10-17; 14:1-6). Jesus is creating quite a stir as he teaches and ministers in Galilee.

Today's Core Belief discussed: Jesus Christ.

Read Luke 4:31-44 (cf. Matt. 8:14-16; Mark 1:21-38)

1. How do demons react to Jesus' presence (vv. 33-36, 41)? How does Jesus deal with them?
2. What correlation do you see between Jesus' teachings and actions (v. 36)? Why are both of these things needed in his ministry?
3. Why do you think it was necessary for Jesus to go out to a solitary place (v. 42)?
4. What does Jesus assert about the purpose of his ministry (vv. 43-44; cf. Mk. 1:35-38)? How does this compare to his other activities (v. 40)?
5. How did people react to Jesus' ministry (vv. 32, 36)? Despite this, why do you think there is a disparity between awe and obedience?
6. How has Jesus' authority and power been evident in your life? How have others seen or not seen this in you?

PRAYER TO THE POINT: Praise God that all authority is given to Jesus Christ! Ask God to display his power in your life and enable you to obey Christ in all things.

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Luke 4:31-44



How many times have I told you to clean your room?" "Why haven't you taken out the trash like you were asked?" I can still hear my mother's voice as she questioned my disobedience. Not much has changed now that I'm an adult. What is it about authority that we have such a hard time with? Is it pride or anger? Regardless of the reason, it's a fact that at some point all of us have had our own issues with an authority figure in our lives.

This week Luke paints a perfect picture of Christ's authority, all the while displaying what a true servant is like. With such a clear definition of the true authority in our lives, it beckons the question, "are we obedient?"