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hat does Jesus' authority cover?

Principle one:

Jesus' authority covers our _____
condition. Luke 5:20-21

Application one:

See _____ as an _____ to grace.
cf. Romans 5:1-2

Principle two:

Jesus' authority covers our _____
predicaments. Luke 5:22-25

Application two:

See _____ as a _____ of grace.
cf. 2 Corinthians 12:8-9

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TAKE HOME TRUTH

When Christ's authority is _____
a feeling of _____ results. Luke 5:26

In order to submit...

- A. See Christ's authority as _____.
- B. See Christ's authority as _____.
- C. See Christ's authority as _____.

Today's Core Belief:

Man & Sin: "I believe all people are loved
by God, and because of my sins, I need
Jesus Christ as my Savior." (from John 3:16)



Deeper Connection Study

Compassion and authority are two words not necessarily used together in a sentence or something seen demonstrated by a leader, unless you're talking about Jesus. Yet the two healing stories in today's lesson reveal Jesus' unique style of ministry. In verses 17-26, we see the first of five controversy stories Luke shares with his readers as Jesus now must contend with fierce opponents.

Today's Core Belief discussed: Jesus Christ.

Read Luke 5:12-26 (cf. Mark 1:40-2:12)

1. How does the leper recognize Jesus' divine ability (v. 12)? How does Jesus interact with him and what is surprising about the way Jesus does it (vv. 13-14)?
2. Why does Luke mention Jesus' habit of withdrawing to isolated places to pray (v. 16; cf. 6:12; 9:18, 28-29; 11:1)?
3. What issues do the Pharisees and religious leaders have against Jesus (vv. 20-21)? Why does this bother them?
4. How does Jesus' response reveal the breadth of his authority (vv. 22-24)?
5. Why is it important that Jesus commends the faith of those whom he heals? Is faith a prerequisite for healing? Why or why not?
6. How is your faith in Jesus' willingness to heal you and/or forgive your sins? How have you experienced God's grace?

PRAYER TO THE POINT: Praise God for the way he heals and forgives through Christ. Ask God to strengthen your faith in his power and authority. Pray for others to follow Christ.

21st Century Jesus

Luke 5:17-26



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few Sundays ago, Mike Churchill, in his message from Luke 4:31-44, asserted that most people

tend to resist authority. Rightly stated, he reasoned it was because few people like to be told what to do. His subsequent assertion was that as believers we needed to view Christ's authority as good, rather than oppressive.

The theme of Christ's authority is one of Luke's favorites, and as a result will surface again this week. In the narrative that is in front of us, Luke will paint a picture of some religious leaders who would not have agreed with Mike's assertion. In fact, not only did they fail to see Christ's authority as good, but felt that the exercise of it was actually blasphemous.

How about you? Have you moved to a place where you see Christ's authority in your life as a blessing, or do you feel like his commands and instructions are burdensome? Understand that a right perspective of his authority is absolutely necessary if you are going to experience joy!