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THE AUTHORITY OF JESUS

Mark 11 v 27 – 33 They arrived again in Jerusalem, and while Jesus was walking in the temple courts, the chief priests, the teachers of the law and the elders came to him. “By what authority are you doing these things?” they asked. “And who gave you authority to do this?” Jesus replied, “I will ask you one question. Answer me, and I will tell you by what authority I am doing these things. John’s baptism—was it from heaven, or from men? Tell me!” They discussed it among themselves and said, “If we say, ‘From heaven,’ he will ask, ‘Then why didn’t you believe him?’ But if we say, ‘From men’ ...” (They feared the people, for everyone held that John really was a prophet.) So they answered Jesus, “We don’t know.” Jesus said, “Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.”

The heart of Jesus’ power – His authority

“Never anyone spoke with such authority”

EXOUSIA - Power (69 times). Authority (29 times). Jesus had power and authority.

DUNAMIS – General power of the Godhead (77 times).

MATTHEW 28 v 18 Then Jesus came to them and said, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.

JUDE v 25 To the only God our Saviour be glory, majesty, power and authority.

Two illustrations of understanding the Trinity

1 – Looking at the moon

John 1 v 14 The Word [Jesus] became flesh and made his dwelling among us.

2 – Building a house

We would need:

1. An owner/purchaser
2. An architect
3. A builder

Authority from His relationship with His Father

His authority comes from His Sonship. Here we see love demonstrated by obedience. “I and the Father are one.”

John 6 v 38 – 39 For I have come down from heaven not to do my will but to do the will of him who sent me. ³⁹ And this is the will of him who sent me, that I shall lose none of all those he has given me but raise them up at the last day.

John 17 v 2 For you granted him authority over all people that he might give eternal life to all those you have given him.

John 1 v 1 – 3 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ² He was with God in the beginning. ³ Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made.

Colossians 1 v 15 – 19 The Son is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. ¹⁶ For by him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created by him and for him. ¹⁷ He is before all things, and in him all things hold together. ¹⁸ And he is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything he might have the supremacy. ¹⁹ For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him.

1 Corinthians 15 v 15 We have testified about God that he raised Christ from the dead.

Authority from His relationship with the Holy Spirit

We mustn't confuse His power with the power of the Holy Spirit. The miracles were the power of the Holy Spirit working through Him.

John 3 v 34 For the one whom God has sent speaks the words of God, for God gives the Spirit without limit.

Isaiah 42 v 1 Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen one in whom I delight; I will put my Spirit on him, and he will bring justice to the nations.

Acts 10 v 38 God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power, and how he went around doing good and healing all who were under the power of the devil, because God was with him.

Matthew 12 v 28 But if I drive out demons by the Spirit of God, then the kingdom of God has come upon you.

Matthew 9 v 2 – 6 Some men brought to him a paralyzed man, lying on a mat. When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the man, "Take heart, son; your sins are forgiven. At this, some of the teachers of the law said to themselves, "This fellow is blaspheming!" Knowing their thoughts, Jesus said, "Why do you entertain evil thoughts in your hearts? Which is easier: to say, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Get up and walk'? But I want you to know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins." So he said to the paralyzed man, "Get up, take your mat and go home." Then the man got up and went home.

John 16 v 7 it is for your good that I am going away. Unless I go away, the Counsellor will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you.

Authority from His relationship with His bride

John 15 v 4 Remain in me and I will remain in you.

John 15 v 15 I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master's business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you.

Ephesians 5 v 23 – 27 Christ is the head of the church, his body, of which he is the Saviour.... the church submits to Christ.... Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the word, and to present her to himself as a radiant church, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless.

Luke 24 v 45 – 49 This is what I told you while I was still with you: Everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms. Then he opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures. He told them, "This is what is written: The Christ will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, and repentance and forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. I am going to send you what my Father has promised; but stay in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.

His authority from His relationship with the destiny of creation

Luke 24 v 25 - 27 How foolish you are, and how slow to believe all that the prophets have spoken! Did not the Messiah have to suffer these things and then enter his glory? And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning himself.

1. The Suffering Servant (the Redeemer)
2. The Reigning King – Psalm 89 v 14a, Isaiah 9 v 7. Revelation 21 v 1 & 5.

Psalms 89 v 14a Righteousness and justice are the foundation of your throne.

Isaiah 9 v 7 He will reign on David's throne and over his kingdom, establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness from that time on and forever.

Revelation 21 v 1 & 5 Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth.... He who was seated on the throne said, "I am making everything new!"

No other authority

Acts 4 v 7 By what power or what name did you do this?

Acts 4 v 12 Salvation is found in no-one else, for there is no other name under Heaven given to men by which we must be saved.

Not the authority of the Law

Not the authority of the world

Not the authority of human wisdom and opinion

Not the authority of any other faith or creed