

The Undeniable Authority of Jesus Christ

Matthew 21:23-27; Selected Scriptures

- 1. Jesus His Authority**

Jesus regularly described His ministry in terms of having been sent from the Father with a job to complete (John 3:34; 5:19-24; 6:38-40). The only time in which the Son exercised His use of divine power was in accordance with the plan and the will of God (Luke 4:1-13; Matt 26:39; cf. Phil 2:7). The very words that He spoke and the works that He did were all in order to complete the specific ministry task for which Christ had been sent (John 14:10, 24, 31).
- 2. Jesus His Authority**

The Son of God demonstrated His unique power and authority throughout His ministry. He routinely exercised healing and restorative power over the natural and supernatural afflictions of men (Matt. 8:16). He exercised mastery over the physical world (Mark 4:35-41) and over its creatures (Luke 5:4-7; cf. Matt 17:27). Jesus demonstrated that His ability to perform the works of God were not limited by the proximity of the afflicted (Luke 7:1ff), the duration of the affliction (John 9:1ff), the extent of the affliction (Luke 7:14; John 11:42), or the timing of the affliction (Mark 8:31; 9:31; 10:34; cf. John 10:18).
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The Lord Jesus gathered disciples unto Himself, trained them, and sent them out to assist Him in His mission (Mark 6:7, Luke 10:1). Following His resurrection, Jesus commissioned all believers to spread the gospel and to teach every disciple to obey the commands of Christ (Matt. 28:18-20). We have been given the task of properly understanding what God has said (2 Tim. 2:15) so that we might speak and act in accordance with His will (Jas. 2:12). Furthermore, we have the responsibility to confidently proclaim the truth of what God has done (cf. John 20:23).