

What does this have to do with me and the authorities I trust? Vital for 2 Reasons!

1. Everyone has to trust an Authority to define reality, set values, command priorities

☑ Conservative/Traditional Authorities
Family, Religion, Tradition

☑ Liberal/Progressive Authorities
Institutions, Intellectuals, Self, "Stars"

Who are you listening to to know true, love good, embrace life, set values, etc.?

2. If your Authorities aren't pointing you to Jesus Christ as the Ultimate Authority they are walling you off from life + leading you to death. Contrasted w. story of Official, 4:46-54

☑ Invalid... Self

☑ Religious Leaders... Scriptures ▶ Life vs. 39

☑ Secular... Rejection of sin/guilt

② Jesus' Authority

1. Based on His intimate relationship w. ☉ the Father "the Son can do nothing of his own accord, but only what He sees the Father doing." ▶ Trust Son as you trust Father

3 Who/what will you submit to as Authority to give life, set values, command priorities, define reality? Everyone has to answer this, and



① The authorities we trust

☑▶ Healing at the Pool Bethesda

Tradition, lore of healing

☑ invalid for 38 years, depressed, self-pity vs. 7

Authority? Religion, Leaders + Traditions and Medical Prognosis and His Aloneness "I"

☑ Jesus sees invalid, asks Question Do you want to be healed, commands vs. 8, Warns vs. 14 ▶ Master Tom Bombadil

☑ Religious Leaders vs 15ff persecute Jesus Authority? LORD ☉, Scriptures, Traditions

➡ JESUS FORCES A CRISIS OVER AUTHORITY!

2. ⚪ the Father has entrusted Authority to Jesus to give life (5:21, 24, 26), to Judge (5:22, 24, 27-29), raise dead (28-29)

▶ Christ's authority reaches where no human authority can go! Otto + Christian Hope

3. There are strong, viable witnesses to Jesus' authority that make the case for you to trust Jesus as Ultimate Authority!

☑ The historic witness of John the Baptist 33ff

☑ The supernatural works, miracles, signs of Jesus

Scientific Materialism wagers no sin,
No supernatural signs, no Jesus' salvation,
willing to wage your life on that?

☑ The Scriptures they bear witness to me (39)

CASE

Every institution, person, authority, leader appointed by Christ, created + sustained by Jesus, designed for glory of Jesus, and points you to Jesus And will accuse you before Jesus

☑ Scripture

☑ Science

☑ "Stars"

☑ Self

➡➡ Honoring the Son's Authority honors Father who sent Him