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Worship in Fellowship
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True Authority

Mark 11:1-33

Follow Me Series

Life Change: We operate under and trust the true Authority.

Proper authority...

Jesus shows authority in the triumphal entry.

1-11

True authority commands respect.

True authority does not deviate from scripture.

True authority comes in the Lord's name.

Jesus shows authority with the unfruitful fig tree.

12-14

Jesus shows authority in cleansing the temple.

15-19

Messiah's authority exposes idolatry.

False authority is jealous of Jesus' power.

Jesus shows authority with the withered fig tree.

20-33

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a study of Mark 9-16

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courtesy Indian Times

“Circuit Court Overturns Illinois ‘Stay-at-home’ Order”



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**What a
bunch of
brats we
have
become!**

We have become a nation of sixth grade boys. As a good parent, you have spent a decade explaining *why*. You haven't merely given orders and instruction, you explained why so that when he's grown, this son of yours will discern right and wrong without you around.



Suddenly, about sixth grade, he transforms – not into a reasonable adult yet – but into the craftiest shyster lawyer on earth. When you try to explain any *why*, he picks apart every aspect of your argument. What used to be 3-minute discussions become 3-hour scenes from a John Grisham courtroom novel. According to him, you never have proper authority. – WB





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Jesus:

- only one who actually has the authority to do everything He thinks best.
- only one who can unilaterally act without unintended negatives.
- could rule by fiat & none of His decisions would lack proper authority.



**Jesus teaches us
how to recognize,
use, and respond
to true authority.**

*The Judgement
of the Sanhedrin*
Nikolai Ge
1892



Mark 11

¹ When they approached Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany near the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples ² and told them, “Go into the village ahead of you. As soon as you enter it, you will find a colt tied there, on which no one has ever sat. Untie it and bring it. ³ If anyone says to you, ‘Why are you doing this?’ say, ‘The Lord needs it and will send it back here right away.’”

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⁴ So they went and found a colt outside in the street, tied by a door. They untied it, ⁵ and some of those standing there said to them, “What are you doing, untying the colt?” ⁶ They answered them just as Jesus had said; so they let them go. ⁷ They brought the colt to Jesus and threw their clothes on it, and he sat on it. ⁸ Many people spread their clothes on the road, and others spread leafy branches cut from the fields.

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11 He went into Jerusalem and into the temple. After looking around at everything, since it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the Twelve. ^{CSB}

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2 Kings 9

¹² So Jehu said, “He [God’s prophet] talked to me about this and that and said, ‘This is what the LORD says: I anoint you king over Israel.’” ¹³ Each man quickly took his garment and put it under Jehu on the bare steps. They blew the ram’s horn and proclaimed, “Jehu is king!” ^{CSB}

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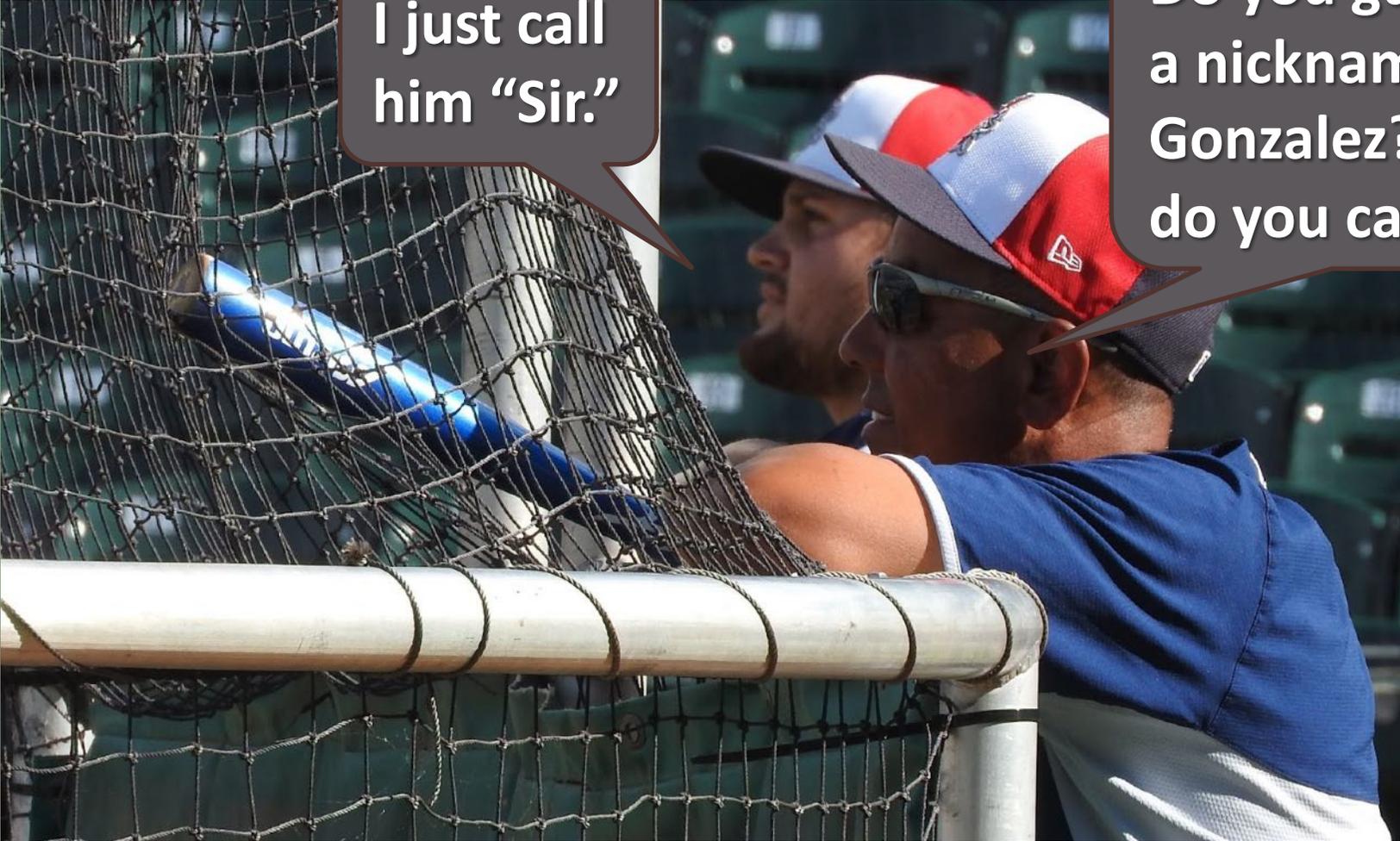
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courtesy Bleacher Report



Do you guys have a nickname for Gonzalez? What do you call him?



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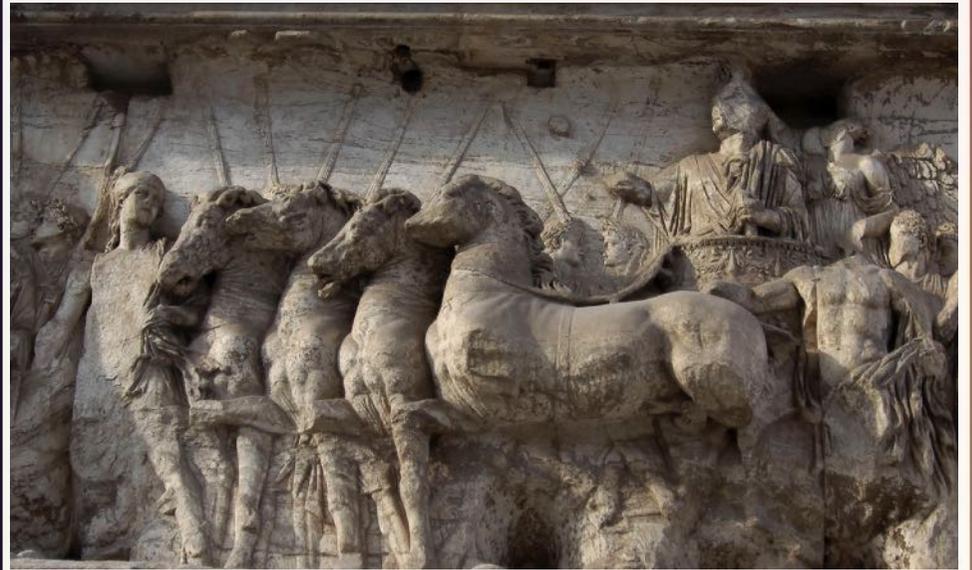
Triumphal Entry
Emmanuel Nsama
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Mark 11: scripture fulfillment emphasized to show how true authority must align with God's Word



Mark 15: Roman imagery reserved for Jesus' path to the cross



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HURRY UP!





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Top Rated Gas Station Restrooms By State



Brands needed to have at least 20 locations in a state to be included in the analysis. Data collected from GasBuddy ratings and reviews. Sept. 2016 - April 2018



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Matthew 8

⁸ “Lord,” the centurion replied, “I am not worthy to have you come under my roof. But just say the word, and my servant will be healed. ⁹ For I too am a man under authority, having soldiers under my command. I say to this one, ‘Go,’ and he goes; and to another, ‘Come,’ and he comes; and to my servant, ‘Do this!’ and he does it.” ¹⁰ Hearing this, Jesus was amazed and said to those following him, “Truly I tell you, I have not found anyone in Israel with so great a faith. ^{CSB}



Jesus just finished a story about people who don't really move in God's name but pretend they do. The people are astonished because Jesus teaches with authority, like a person who knows God the Father's ethic.

Sermon on the Mount
6th c.

Matthew 8

9 For I too am a man under authority, having soldiers under my command. I say to this one, 'Go,' and he goes; and to another, 'Come,' and he comes; and to my servant, 'Do this!' and he does it."

He doesn't say what we expect. He doesn't declare "I am a man WITH authority. He says I am a man UNDER authority. This centurion certainly has authority, but he knows that it comes from being in line with the ones who gave him that power. – Paul Hahn

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Jesus curses the fig tree as a miraculous prophetic sign [of] judgment on Israel's spiritual fruitlessness, [which will] climax in the rejection of the Messiah within the week...Speaking through the prophet Jeremiah, God compared Israel's unfaithfulness to a fig tree that bears no figs and to inedible figs that will be thrown away as garbage (Jer. 8:13; 24:1-10).

– R.C. Sproul



Jesus is walking around Jerusalem showing his disciples who he really is. He is really big. He takes up a lot of space, so much space that when He talks to a fig tree it listens. No one else is like that. Because of who He is He can do what He does. Tangentially, if we pray in faith in accordance with His will, we too take up a lot of space. – Cindy Sharp



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15 They came to Jerusalem, and he went into the temple and began to throw out those buying and selling. He overturned the tables of the money changers and the chairs of those selling doves, **16** and would not permit anyone to carry goods through the temple. **17** He was teaching them: “Is it not written, *My house will be called a house of prayer for all nations? [Isaiah 56]* But you have made it *a den of thieves!*” *[Jeremiah 7]*

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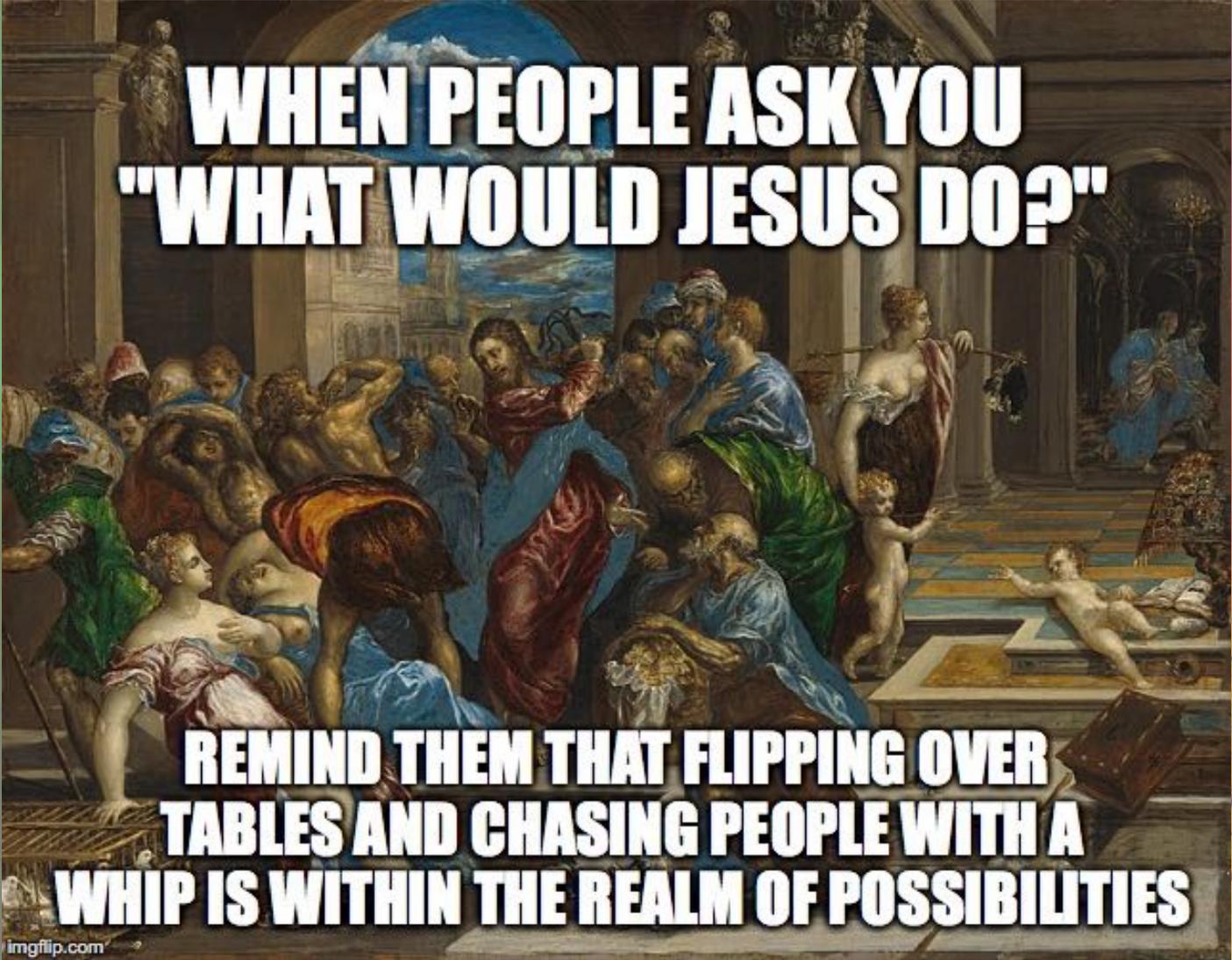
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courtesy Jesus Daily China



**WHEN PEOPLE ASK YOU
"WHAT WOULD JESUS DO?"**

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*When your tables
get overturned...*



Pray through the events and investigate whether there might be some idolatry God is exposing. Is there corruption in my life? Am I trying to control the currency? Am I blind to Jesus' work because I'm caught up in my own business?

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This passage presents a stark contrast between the earthly chief priests and Jesus the true High Priest. He is the ultimate authority since He is holy, merciful and righteous in all matters. Consider:

- As God, Jesus gave the Mosaic Law.**
- As the Messiah, He fulfilled the Law.**
- As the Lion of Judah, He will judge.**

– Martin MacDonald



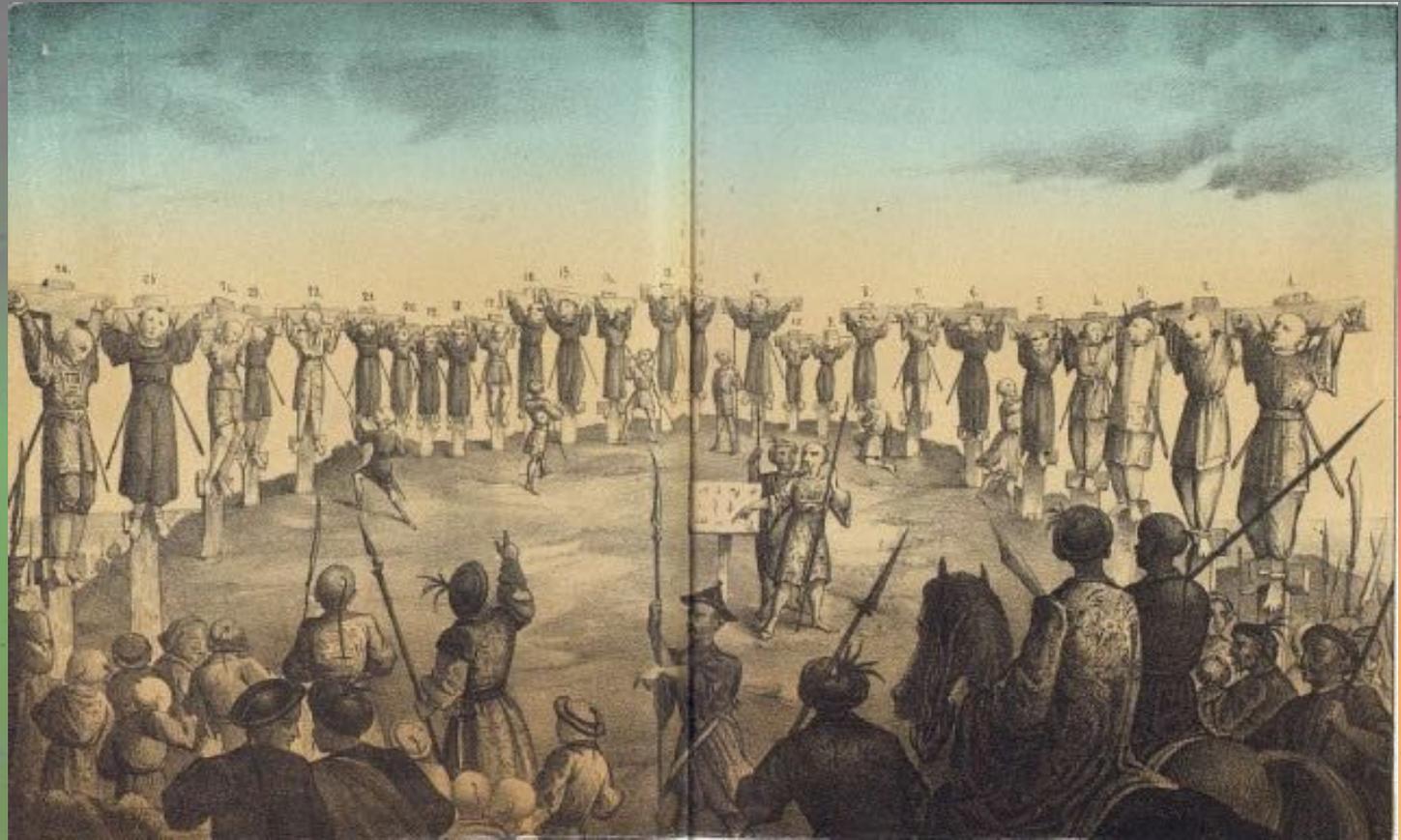
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***Crucifixion of the
26 martyrs in
Nagasaki, Feb. 5,
1597***

**Tanzio da Varallo
ca. 1605**



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²⁰ Early in the morning, as they were passing by, they saw the fig tree withered from the roots up. ²¹ Then Peter remembered and said to him, “Rabbi, look! The fig tree that you cursed has withered.” ²² Jesus replied to them, “Have faith in God. ²³ Truly I tell you, if anyone says to this mountain, ‘Be lifted up and thrown into the sea,’ and does not doubt in his heart, but believes that what he says will happen, it will be done for him.

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³² But if we say, ‘Of human origin’—they were afraid of the crowd, because everyone thought that John was truly a prophet. ³³ So they answered Jesus, “We don’t know.” And Jesus said to them, “Neither will I tell you by what authority I do these things.” ^{CSB}

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Most people are fairly meek when they interact with Scots here in our country. There are three exceptions:

- **English are bold because they think they are superior.**
- **Aussies are bold because they don't give a [flip] about anything.**
- **Americans are bold because they know that if you hurt them, President Regan will nuke Scotland.**



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2 Timothy 2

¹⁴ Charge them [the church] before God not to fight about words. This is useless and leads to the ruin of those who listen. ^{CSB}



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Examples: my daughter comes home with a reprimand because she complained about a biological boy in her bathroom; our workplace community fund is donated to Planned Parenthood

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Example: my social media post about some blessings of being a Christian draws wild and nasty responses

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