

THE ASTONISHING AUTHORITY OF JESUS CHRIST
LUKE 5:1-26
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Context: Israel Looking to the Messiah

Story 1: Jesus and Simon Peter

Jesus' Authority over Work and Provision

God's Good Purposes and Eternal Rewards

What parts of your life are you holding back from Jesus' good authority?

Are you investing in eternal treasure?

Story 2: Jesus and the Leper

Leprosy and Holiness (Lev 13; Num 5:1-3)

Flow Reversal: Jesus' Fulfillment of Cleanliness and New Covenant (Heb 9:13-15)

Eternal *and* Ongoing Holiness as a New Creation (Heb 10:14; Eph 4:17-24)

Are you living with dirt (sin) that you need to bring before God to clean?

Story 3: Jesus and the Paralytic

Dependence of Jesus on the Father and Holy Spirit

Faith of the Paralytic's Friends

Jesus' Authority to Forgive Sins as Son of Man

What kind of Messiah is He?

What does being in awe of Jesus look like?

Conclusion

What authority does Jesus have in your life?

How should that change how you think and live?

How do you glorify God with your life?

Discussion Questions

1. Jesus was different than what many expected of the Messiah. What mismatches do you have between your ideas or desires of Jesus, and what the Bible says about Him?
2. Do you trust in Jesus' authority to provide for your needs and define the purpose of your life? How does that change your decision-making about work and finances?
3. How aggressive is too aggressive in following Jesus? How comfortable is too comfortable? Does this differ person-to-person? Support your answers biblically (properly considering context).
4. Think on eternity for a few minutes. Meditate on living in God's good and glorious presence forever. How should that change your affections and habits? Consider doing this daily.
5. Imagine looking back on your life as you're about to die and step into eternity. Earthly treasures will disappear, and creation will be remade. How should this perspective change how you invest your time, thoughts, energy, and money? Think especially about people, whose souls will endure forever.
6. Thoroughly understanding the significance of Jesus coming as the Messiah requires reading the whole Bible. Have you done that? If not, set a reading plan and get an accountability partner for it.
7. What are three examples where you're numb and not in awe or astonishment of God, the work of Jesus, the indwelling of the Holy Spirit in you, or other realities we live in as Christians?