

# The Authority of Jesus

***All authority belongs to Christ. This is GOOD NEWS!***

## **Sermon Questions**

1. What causes you the most anxiety today? \_\_\_\_\_
2. What best describes Jesus' preaching? \_\_\_\_\_
3. Jesus tried hard to build a good rapport with people through humor, indirection, vague talk, and being politically correct. (Yes/No)
4. We are a needy people that need an \_\_\_\_\_ word.
5. A demon is a fallen (evil) angel. (Yes/No)
6. Jesus commanded the demon to be quiet because he wanted to tell people himself that he was the Christ. (Yes/No)
7. We wrestle against demons and the spiritual forces of evil today. (Yes/No) (see Ephesians 6:12)
8. Unlike our remedies, when Jesus heals there is \_\_\_\_\_ restoration.
9. Jesus has the power to end all our suffering right now. (Yes/No)
10. Why doesn't Jesus end all suffering right now?
  - i. He has a plan, purpose, and time for suffering to show his glory and do us good.
  - ii. He's waiting to get more power when he returns.
  - iii. He can't end suffering as he's made people free to make choices—good or bad.
11. Jesus authority is not just for our benefit, but Jesus has authority over \_\_\_\_\_.
12. How must you live in light of the authority of Jesus over all the earth?  
  
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## **Discussion/Meditation Questions**

1. Should we treat unbelievers as if they are under the authority of Jesus Christ? Should we regard them as being under his rule and law? Or is it only after someone is saved that they come under Christ's authority? (Hint: see 1 Timothy 1:8–11).

2. Do we have the power as Christians to speak and command evil forces to flee? What Scriptural support would you use to answer?

3. Jesus not only can command suffering to stop, but he also commands suffering to accomplish his good purposes. List from Scripture at least 5 ways in which God uses suffering in our lives for our good.