
Some thoughts to take with you Jesus, Who Are You?

The fundamental basis of all Christian missionary enterprise is the universal authority of Jesus Christ, "in heaven and on earth." If the authority of Jesus were circumscribed on earth, if He were but one of many religious teachers, one of many Jewish prophets, one of many divine incarnations, we would have no mandate to present Him to the nations as the Lord and Savior of the world. If the authority of Jesus were limited in heaven, if He has not decisively overthrown the principalities and powers, we might still proclaim Him to the nations, but we would never be able to "turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan unto God" (Acts 26:18). Only because all authority on earth belongs to Christ dare we go to all nations. And only because all authority in heaven as well is His have we any hope of success.

John Stott

The word *command* carries the idea of authority. The most basic meaning of the word is "to direct with authority." A command does not just give guidance that one may accept or reject; a command implies that the one giving it has the authority to require obedience and the intention of doing so. This is true of the commands of God. As the Sovereign God of the universe, He has the authority to require obedience and He does insist that we obey Him.

Jerry Bridges

In Christ we have a love that can never be fathomed; a life that can never die; a righteousness that can never be tarnished; a peace that can never be understood; a rest that can never be disturbed; a joy that can never be diminished; a hope that can never be disappointed; a glory that can never be clouded; a light that can never be darkened; a happiness that can never be interrupted; a strength that can never be enfeebled; a purity that can never be defiled; a beauty that can never be marred; a wisdom that can never be baffled; and resources that can never be exhausted.

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In Christ, as a great storehouse, lie all the riches of spiritual wisdom, the massive ingots of solid gold which when coined into creeds and doctrines are the wealth of the Church. All which we can know concerning God and man, concerning sin and righteousness and duty, concerning another life, is in Him Who is the home and deep mine where truth is stored...The central fact of the universe and the perfect encyclopedia of all moral and spiritual truth is in Christ, the Incarnate Word, the Lamb slain, the ascended King.

Alexander MacLaren

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Kids Notes

Who are you, Jesus?

The Questions

Answer the following questions. The answers are on the back.

1. *Jesus' authority comes from:*

- A. the fact that He is God.
- B. His education.
- C. His wealth.
- D. all of the above.

2. *Jesus told a story about:*

- A. a vineyard and vine growers.
- B. the history of Israel's rebellion against God.
- C. the death of God's beloved Son.
- D. all of the above.

3. *When Jesus returns to earth He will:*

- A. bring blessing and reward to those who love Him.
- B. bring destruction and judgment to those who reject Him.
- C. judge everyone with righteousness and integrity.
- D. all of the above

For Family Discussion: Why do people sometimes say "no" to the gift of life and forgiveness that Jesus offers to all?

Space to Doodle

Did You Hear It?

Mark the times you hear these key words:

VINEYARD _____	TOTAL: _____
AUTHORITY _____	_____
LEADERS _____	_____
PROPHETS _____	_____
ISRAEL _____	_____
JUDGMENT _____	_____

Word Search

Find the following words in the scramble below. Letters are sometimes used twice, and words may go around corners.

VINEYARD AUTHORITY LEADERS PROPHETS ISRAEL JUDGMENT
 SIN GRACE FAITH JESUS CHRIST HEAVEN JOHN EARTH PHARISEES
 SCRIBES ELDERS JERUSALEM STONE REJECTED WRITTEN CHIEF
 FALLS DUST PIECES COMING DELIGHT

T U W S Y J S Z P G A D D U D R P
 A S R S K I Z W H D R A Y E N I V
 E U I S N V S D A I A C T J F K J
 N L T R C L E A R S I C O E O E K
 O F T H H R V K I S E H I M R H E
 T G E T O C I D S J T H T U I L N
 S R N N Z R E B E V C E S R S N S
 R A W E H L I R E V V A H R A B G
 N C E M I B S T S S L Z E P X E S
 E E Q G Y J M V Y E C D Y B O O V
 V F H D C C I F M K L E A D E R S
 A T M U F L A Y R E S U S E J D P
 E T R J P I E C E S F A L L S U Z
 H O N P T S D N J L D F O E B S G
 I K C H J Q Z B K W P P V Q E T O