



Christ Under Attack

LUKE 20:1-18

Jesus Doesn't Need Anyone's Permission – He's Sovereign

LUKE 20:1-9

The Subject: When Authority Is Challenged, We Ask “Who Made You Boss?”

Luke 20:1-2 One day, as Jesus was teaching the people in the temple and preaching the gospel, the chief priests and the scribes with the elders came up ² and said to him, “Tell us **by what authority** you do these things, or **who it is that gave you this authority.**”

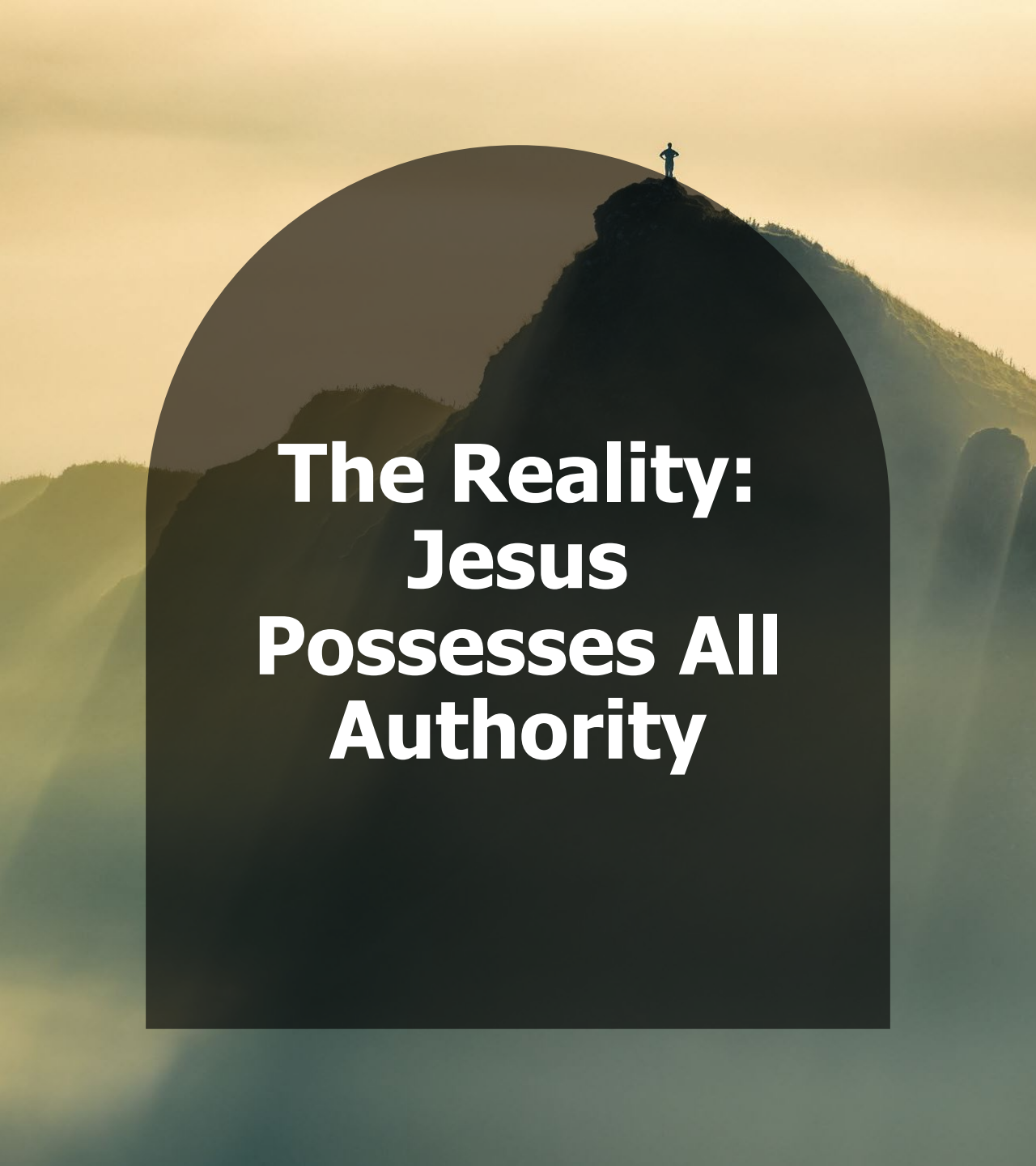


The Snare: When Attacked, Avoid The Trap

³ He answered them, "I also will ask you a question. Now tell me, ⁴ was the baptism of John from heaven or from man?"

The Shift: When Tricked, Turn The Tables

⁵ And they discussed it with one another, saying, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say, 'Why did you not believe him?'" ⁶ But if we say, 'From man,' all the people will stone us to death, for they are convinced that John was a prophet." ⁷ So they answered that they did not know where it came from. ⁸ And Jesus said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I do these things."



The Reality: Jesus Possesses All Authority

- all authority (Mt 28:18)
- divine (Jn 5:25-26)
- to save (Jn 3:36)
- to forgive sin (Mt 9:2)
- to grant eternal life (Jn 18:28)
- to judge sin (Jn 5:22,27)
- to resurrect the dead (Jn 5:21-29)
- to resurrect Himself (Jn 10:18)
- to receive worship (Rev 5:8-14; Phil 2:10-11)
- receive prayer (Acts 7:59)
- over the Church (Col 1:18; 2:19; Eph 1:22-23; 4:7-16)
- over nature (Mk 4:35-41)
- over Satan and demons (Mt 12:25-30; 16:23)

Jesus Doesn't Need Anyone's Approval – He's Resilient

LUKE 20:9-18

Christ's Rejection Is The Sole Responsibility Of The Rejector

⁹ And he began to tell the people this parable: "A man planted a vineyard and let it out to tenants and went into another country for a long while. ¹⁰ When the time came, he sent a servant to the tenants, so that they would give him some of the fruit of the vineyard. But the tenants beat him and sent him away empty-handed. ¹¹ And he sent another servant. But they also beat and treated him shamefully, and sent him away empty-handed. ¹² And he sent yet a third. This one also they wounded and cast out.

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¹³ Then the owner of the vineyard said, 'What shall I do? I will send my beloved son; perhaps they will respect him.' ¹⁴ But when the tenants saw him, they said to themselves, 'This is the heir. Let us kill him, so that the inheritance may be ours.' ¹⁵ And they threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. What then will the owner of the vineyard do to them? ¹⁶ He will come and destroy those tenants and give the vineyard to others." When they heard this, they said, "Surely not!"

**Christ's
Rejection By
Israel
Becomes
Repurposed
For The
Church**

¹⁷ But he looked directly at them and said, "What then is this that is written: " 'The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone'?"

Christ's Rejection Faces Judgment For Rejection

- ¹⁸ Everyone who falls on that stone will be broken to pieces, and when it falls on anyone, it will crush him."

Conclusion

Christ is our Authority –
submit to Him.

Christ is our Cornerstone
– build on Him.

Christ is our Judge –
repent before Him.