

## AUTHORITY

And when he was come into the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came unto him as he was teaching, and said, By what authority doest thou these things? and who gave thee this authority?

And Jesus answered and said unto them, I also will ask you one thing, which if ye tell me, I in like wise will tell you by what authority I do these things.

[Mat 21:23 - 24.](#)

Try and put yourself in to Jesus' head. Try and recognise and imagine where he is coming from, as the King of the Universe. Now, ask yourself, but by what authority do I do what I do? Do you have an answer? Do you have any authority? Are you a somebody, or are you a nobody? Do you have authority, and if you do where does it come from?

The Roman soldier understood all about authority - when he said - "For I am a man under authority, having soldiers under me: and I say to this [man], Go, and he goeth; and to another, Come, and he cometh; and to my servant, Do this, and he doeth [it]. [Mat 8:9.](#)

This soldier had authority, because he had the Caesar and the whole of the Roman Empire behind him. A bit like our police-*force* here in England, they are really part of the military *forces*, for they wear the Queen's uniform. So they too have authority, given to them from the Queen herself. So it is the uniform not the man that has the authority, be it a Roman soldier or an English policeman. If you strike a policeman you are striking a uniform, and therefore striking the Queen, who's uniform it is.

However, Jesus wore no uniform, he represented no earthly administration. Yet he was recognised as having great authority.

And they were astonished at his doctrine: for he taught them as one that had authority, and not as the scribes. [Mar 1:22.](#)

How, where, did he come by such authority? Well, we know how, for in His conscious mind he was aware of who he was. He was aware of the ONENess he had with his Father. "All power (authority), is given to me", he said. Well of course. He was ONE with His father, therefore all that the Father IS he IS.

Is it not surprising that we as human beings hate being told what to do, even from childhood. It would seem Jesus didn't like being told what to do either. Look what he said to Mary his mother when she tried to order him, " And when they wanted wine, the mother of Jesus saith unto him, They have no wine. Jesus saith unto her, Woman, what have I to do with thee?"

No we do not like being 'told' what to do, because it usurps our own authority, it hurts our pride. "Who the hell do they think they are to tell me what to do", we say. Yes, and when we say this we ask the right question, "Who the hell are they?" If we knew the answer to that, we would know who we are and wouldn't have to ask it.

So I must ask you again? From where do you get your authority, to do and say what you say?

As He is in the world so are we. [1Jo 4:17.](#)

Is it not written in your law, I said, Ye are gods? [Jhn 10:34](#)  
We are told, "You have the mind of Christ. So, Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus: [Phl 2:5](#).  
Yet in my flesh shall I see God: [Job 19:26](#).

Awake thou that sleepest. Put on Christ (your real true self), and have the authority God gave you as his begotten.  
Listen to the lyrics of that famous song - All of Me. Yes indeed, why not take ALL of ME.

Do this and you will have the authority, and then when you do, you will use this authority for one purpose only; to love your neighbour, for he IS yourself.

So what about those who do have authority over us? Parents, teachers, bosses, governments, police etc.

When you have awoken, and you have put on your right mind, and have recognised God in your flesh, you will know that none of these have any authority over you, only that which is given them, and you will have no need to say, who the hell do they think they are? For you will KNOW who they are. Then saith Pilate unto him, "Speakest thou not unto me? knowest thou not that I have power (the authority), to crucify thee, and have power (the authority), to release thee?"

Look what Jesus replied to Pilate - Jesus answered, Thou couldest have no power [at all] against me, except it were given thee from above:  
[Jhn 19:10-11](#).

Jesus knew He was the real Authority, and because he knew; he had no need to fight, or argue. When you are a king you can be humble. When you're not a king, you have to fight your corner.

Are you gonna stand up and BE him, or are you gonna follow Him from afar off? Or, do you not have the authority?

You tell me!

A word of personal testimony.

Many years ago now, I hadn't been a member of the local Pentecostal Church for very long. I was a baby Christian (what ever that means), and I was suffering from serious depression, that was bought about by my inability to line up with the things I was being taught from the pulpit. I looked up to, revered and worshipped Jesus Christ, but felt I was a miserable follower, and certainly no disciple worth counting. The depression got so bad it scared my mother, who went to bed that night deeply concerned for me, and she herself was deeply troubled. However she greeted me the next morning with a great smile, and I could see she was no longer concerned. "I have something to tell you", she said. " Oh ok, what?" I asked. She said, "I prayed to the Lord last night and asked Him to help you and give you peace". She went on to say, " He said to me," "Tell him he's a King". Well that was so unlike my mother, anybody who knew my mother would agree that she does not say things like that as a rule. I was taken aback. I had no idea what He meant by such a statement, but I do now. Thank God we are all The King for we are all ONE.

He that is joined to the Lord is ONE Spirit: ONE KING..... go rule.