

● Lesson 10

JESUS' AUTHORITY REVEALED

Jesus was known as a great teacher. Along with His teaching, He often performed **miracles**. Jesus' first miracle was turning the water into wine at Cana in Galilee. Scripture says, "This beginning of His signs Jesus did in Cana of Galilee, and manifested His glory, and His disciples believed in Him" (John 2:11).

Jesus' miracles were really signs that demonstrated who He is and the authority He has. Because Jesus is God and His authority hasn't changed, He still has **power** to perform miracles today.

In the signs of Jesus we will study in this lesson, notice how the people were **amazed**. He alone had the power and authority to perform these signs. As you read, think how you would have responded to the miracles Jesus performed.

JESUS' AUTHORITY OVER THE BODY (HEALING)

One of the consequences of sin in the Garden of Eden was the loss of perfect health, resulting in the potential for disease and injury. Throughout history, God has provided healing to our bodies as scientists

and doctors, with His help, learn more and more how to cure diseases and assist us in being healthier. Because Jesus is God, He had and still has the authority to heal someone and instantly restore health in a miraculous way too.

1. In Matthew 8, Jesus met a centurion who had a special request. What did the centurion want Jesus to do? v.8

2. What did Jesus say about the faith of the centurion? v.10

3. What was the result of the centurion's request? v.13

4. How does this example show Jesus' authority over the body?

JESUS' AUTHORITY OVER NATURE

As with our bodies, all of creation is suffering the effects of our first parents' sin in the Garden of Eden. Natural disasters (earthquakes, volcanoes, tornadoes, and other types of storms) create much trouble for mankind on earth. Because Jesus is God, He had and still has the authority to control the powerful forces of nature and to calm them in a miraculous way.

Jesus had been teaching crowds of people at Capernaum in Mark 4. When evening came, Jesus and His disciples got into a boat and set out on the Sea of Galilee. A fierce wind arose, and waves were coming over the boat and filling it with water.

The disciples were afraid they were going to perish, but Jesus was sleeping peacefully.

5. When the disciples woke Him, what did Jesus do? v.39

6. What happened next? v.39

Memory Verse

Therefore many other signs Jesus also performed in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; but these have been written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing you may have life in His name.

John 20:30-31



7. How does this example show Jesus' authority over nature? _____

JESUS' AUTHORITY OVER DEMONS

The spirit world consists of the good (God and good angels) and the evil (Satan and his angels, which are called **demons**). Demonic forces are very powerful and are sometimes able to exert their power over people. In their own strength, people are helpless against these forces of wickedness. But because Jesus is God, He is greater than all forces of evil and has the authority to overcome them and deliver people from this **oppressive** activity.

One day Jesus was teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum (Luke 4). A man there was **possessed** by the spirit of an unclean demon, who cried out with a loud voice.

8. Who did the demon say Jesus was? v.34 _____

9. What did Jesus tell the demon? v.35 _____

10. How do you know the demon submitted to Jesus' command? v.35 _____

11. What did the people say about Jesus' authority? v.36 _____

12. How does this example show Jesus' authority over demons? _____

JESUS' AUTHORITY OVER DEATH

The most severe consequence of our first parents' sin in the Garden of Eden is death. While Jesus walked on earth, He occasionally exercised His authority as God by resurrecting some who had died.

One day in Capernaum, a synagogue official named Jairus came to Jesus and fell at His feet. Jairus told Jesus his 12-year-old daughter was dying and pleaded with Jesus to come to his house to heal her. Then someone came and told them his daughter had died.

Jesus, along with Peter, James, and John, went with Jairus to the house. When they arrived, they found quite a **commotion**.

13. What did Jesus tell them? Mark 5:39 _____

Catechism Corner

1. What is Christ's work as King? (Q.164)

He governs and keeps His children and defends them against their enemies.

2. What is the significance of Christ's reign on the right hand of the Father? (Q.193)

It signifies that He shares also as true man in the power and glory of God and rules over all things.

3. How should knowing this about Jesus affect my life? _____

29 A.D.

33 A.D.

Start of Jesus' public ministry

Death and resurrection

Jesus took the child's parents and His three disciples and entered the room where the child was.

14. What did He tell the girl as He took hold of her hand? v.41 _____

15. What happened to the little girl who had died? v.42 _____

16. How does this example show Jesus' authority over death? _____

As our risen Savior, Jesus will one day completely destroy death as He raises from the grave all who have died and grants eternal life to all who believe in Him.

In this lesson, we have studied examples of Jesus' authority over

- the body
- nature
- demons
- death

17. How would you have responded to the signs and miracles Jesus performed? _____

The individuals in this lesson who came to Jesus had faith that He could help them.

18. In what ways can the examples of Jesus' authority in this lesson help you to trust Jesus more? _____

Fast Fact: Centurion



- A Roman soldier, a captain of a century (a company of 100 men). Sixty centuries made up a Roman legion.
- Carried a staff of vine wood as a symbol of his position.
- Easily identified by the crest on top of his helmet.
- A centurion came to Jesus and asked Him to heal his servant (Matthew 8:5-13).

Word Works

ACROSS

1. The Son of God. ___ S ___
2. Belief and trust in God. ___ I ___
3. God's undeserved kindness toward us. ___ A ___
4. An evil spirit. ___ M ___
5. Influenced or controlled by something such as an evil spirit. ___ E ___

DOWN

1. A commander of 100 Roman soldiers. ___ U ___
2. Whoever disobeys God's Law; everyone is this. ___ N ___
3. To be filled with wonder and awe. ___ Z ___
4. To have authority, the right to command. ___ W ___
5. Jesus' miracles. ___ G ___

Fill in the missing letters. See how many answers you can figure out without looking at the chart.

O	X	C	T	C	R	I	V	S	N	B
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S	B	N	Z	I	P	G	K	O	N	P
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