

Study notes based on Matthew 28:16-18 All Authority - James Mondon

Matthew 28:16-18 NIV Then the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go. (17) When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. (18) Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.

1. Recall different authority figures you have encountered, and how you have responded to them.
2. Is authority usually given, claimed, earned or recognised? See Matthew 7:28-29; Matthew 8:23-27; Matthew 10:1; Matthew 20:25
3. James listed criteria by which authority may be identified – wealth, strength, social standing – comment on these, are there others?
4. James stated that 'Those with true authority do not need to justify it with words - it is self evident.' Can you think of examples of this?
5. Check out Genesis 3:1-7 and note the trigger for the Fall. What did Satan question?
6. Compare Daniel 7:13-14 with Matthew 28:18. What claim is Jesus making for Himself? cf Matthew 9:6
7. In what ways did Jesus authenticate His authority?
8. Consider the range of possible responses to Jesus as Messiah: ignore it, question it, doubt it, accept it?
9. What is the logical progression from accepting that Jesus is Messiah? See Psalm 40:5-8
10. How does knowing that all authority is vested in Jesus make you feel? In what way might it cause us to live differently? (see Matthew 28:19 Therefore...)
11. If we believe that all authority in heaven and on earth has been vested in Jesus, should we impose this on others, or do others need to discover His authority for themselves?

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