

**THE AUTHORITY OF JESUS**  
**September 25, 2016 morning service**  
**Mark 11:27-33**

Take your Bible and go to the book of Mark. We'll be in chapter 11 and 12. Today we emphasize missions at Olive and down here on the floor, these flags, these on the other side, the front or those places where we are most closely engaged but for all of these flags that hang we go and send and do missions and ministry in these places.

If He's Lord, if Jesus is your Lord, then no one else has authority over your life like He does and what He says, you do. That's if He is Lord and He has all authority. If He's the authoritative One, He has said as that song said, we abandon all to follow the call. For some of you in this room today, you're lost. You're without Christ. The call of God says to you, come to Christ. In a few moments, we're going to invite you to come to Christ. Others of you are in this room and you are believers. You are Christ followers and He's told you to go and tell. If He's your authority, go tell your neighbor. Go tell a friend. Bring your family unto Christ. If He rules, you do as He says.

In Mark's gospel for the next four weeks, I'm going to be in chapter 11 and 12. We're going to look at four questions that Jesus was asked and the first one is today in Mark 11 and we'll begin in verse 27 in a moment. A lot of religious people ask these questions. We ask Jesus questions. The first one they asked Him was about His authority. If we're not careful in our church, in our life, in our culture, we'll abandon the authority of Jesus for another authority in our life but if He rules and He has all authority over our life, then we're to do as He commands us to do. At the end, He says that every knee will bow and every tongue will confess that Jesus is the Lord, that He is the authoritative one, and we'll do it unto the glory of God the Father. What we're all going to do at the conclusion of life we should all do at the beginning of life. That is we should bow and confess that Jesus is Lord.

Now there were questions about that and there are questions about it today. But in Mark's gospel we find in chapter 11, Jesus is coming into Jerusalem and as He gets ready to come in for what is known as the triumphal entry, He tells His disciples, "Go to the city and you'll find a colt and he's tied up. Just get him and bring him and they'll ask you, 'What do you have need of it?' You say, 'The Lord needs it and that'll be good.'" The scripture says Jesus would use that colt and then take it back to them. They went and found the young horse, the colt and they put Jesus on it and He rode into the city. They put palm branches in front of Him and they cried out, "Hosanna! Hosanna!" He got off the colt. He went in the temple. He found the temple a mess. The Bible says He told them, "You've turned my Father's house into a den for thieves and robbers and trading and selling," and He turned tables over and He said, "My Father's house is supposed to be a house of prayer."

When He went out He saw a fig tree. You know if you're a Bible reader that the fig tree is the symbol of Israel and He cursed it. He said, "You're not going to bear fruit anymore." He went away. They spent the night and then they came back the next day. As they walked by that fig tree one of the disciples said, "Lord, look at that. It's as you said it would be." Then in Mark 11 we come to verse 27 and we find these words:

*They came again to Jerusalem. And as He was walking in the temple [Now He's already been yesterday. He cleansed it. He got their attention. As He walked into the temple], the chief priests and the scribes and the elders [all the religious crowd] came to Him, and began saying to Him, "By what authority are You doing these things [What things? Cleansing the temple, cursing the fig tree, riding in as people praise you. What are you doing? How are you doing these things? What authority?], or who gave You this authority to do these things?" [By what authority do you do it and where'd you get it?] And Jesus said to them, "I will ask you one question, and you answer Me, and then I will tell you by what authority I do these things. Was the baptism of John from heaven, or from men? Answer Me." They began reasoning [The chief priests, the scribes, and the elders. You can see them. They're all in their holy huddle] among themselves, saying, "If we say, 'From heaven,' He will say, 'Then why did you not believe him?' But shall we say, 'From men?'"—they were afraid of the people, for everyone considered John to have been a real prophet. [So they came out of their huddle] Answering Jesus, they said, "We do not know." And Jesus said to them, "Nor will I tell you by what authority I do these things."<sup>1</sup>*

All the religious people were looking at Jesus saying, "Where'd you get your authority? Where'd you get your credentials?" You know, if you're going to do certain things, you've got to have credentials in our world but Jesus had no worldly credentials. He did not have a degree. He didn't have a license. He didn't have a permit. He did not have certification. He didn't have a badge. He didn't have anything. You see, in our world you've got to have some certificate, an education. You've got to be credentialed.

Jon and I two weeks ago when we were in Washington, I was amazed that the Congressman and his chief of staff each have a license plate. It's not on their car. It's in the front window of their car. If you've got that you can go anywhere. You just drive in. They lower the barrier and you come in and you park right by the capitol. You drive right up and you park right there. If you're just a taxpaying dude, you park out by the cemetery somewhere. Why? Because you don't have any credentials. You don't have a certificate. You haven't got the plate in the window.

Jesus had no credentials so they said to Him, "Where'd You get the authority to come in and tell us how to do church? Where do You get the authority for all of this?" Let me tell you, friend, Jesus has authority. God gave Him authority. Matthew 28:18, right before you get to the great commission, you find that He says: "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given unto Me." In John's gospel chapter 5 and verses

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26 and 27, listen to this. John 5:25, the Bible says: *Truly, truly, I say to you, an hour is coming and now is, when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God, and those who hear will live. For just as the Father has life in Himself, even so He gave to the Son also to have life in Himself; [verse 27] and He gave Him authority to execute judgment [why?], because He is the Son of Man.*

He has authority. He has all authority in heaven and on earth. Now the scribes and the Pharisees here, the chief priests, they're still listening and you jump into chapter 12 and He tells a parable. They're listening to this parable and He's speaking to the authority issue. Jesus says, "Let me tell you a story." That a man planted a vineyard in chapter 12 and he put a wall around it and he dug a vat under the winepress and he built a tower, he rented out to the vine growers and then the owner, he went on a journey. When it got time for harvest he sent one of the servants back and what did they do? Well they took him and they beat him and they sent him away empty-handed. In verse number 4 he sent another slave to him. They wounded him in the head and treated him shamefully. Then in verse 5 the owner sent another and that one they killed as with many others, beating some and killing others. He kept sending people for the fruit, the fruit, the fruit, the fruit and they kept killing and beating and killing and beating in the parable.

Finally he sent his own son. They said, "Listen, this is the son of the owner. If we kill him, we can get the inheritance. We'll not just have the fruit. We'll own the vineyard." Jesus said in verse 10, "Have you not even read this scripture that the stone which the builders rejected, this became the chief cornerstone. This came about from the Lord and it is marvelous in our eyes."

Jesus is saying that, "I'm the son. I've come to the vineyard of Israel and you've rejected, rejected, rejected my authority. You've sent me out and they're one day going to beat Him and kill Him and crucify Him." Verse 12 says, "And they were seeking to seize Him, the scribes and chief elders and yet they feared the people for they understood that He spoke this parable against them." So they left Him and they went away. Jesus is the rock of authority and if you do not recognize Jesus as your authority in this life and after you die then you will bow and you will confess and you will be cast into outer darkness knowing for sure in your heart that He was the authoritative Christ and you did not believe and you will be cast into outer darkness. He has authority. He is the stone of authority.

Now when we come to scripture, we find that Jesus has authority in many, many places and I just want to enumerate five of them. It's the last one I want to talk about on this Missions Day. So let me just give you these first four just right quick where Jesus had authority. Then I want you to look at the last one with me and see where Christ has authority. Then I want to ask you, "Have you bowed to give Him authority?"

Number one. He had authority over nature. We find it in Matthew chapter 8 and verse number 23. He got into the boat and His disciples followed Him. And behold, there arose a great storm. You know the story on the sea, and the boat was being

covered with waves; but Jesus Himself was asleep. And they came to Him and woke Him. They said, "Lord, save us. Save us. We're perishing." He said to them, "Why are you afraid, you men of little faith?" Then He got up and rebuked the winds and the sea, and it became perfectly calm. The men were amazed, and they said, "What kind of a man is this, that even the winds and the sea obey Him?"

Don't miss it. I'm telling you, Jesus has authority over all nature. He's the boss. Not only does He have authority over nature but the Bible tells us He has authority over sin in Matthew 9:1. We find them getting into a boat, another trip out on the sea. Jesus crossed over the sea and He came to His own city and they brought him a paralytic lying on a bed and seeing their faith Jesus said to the paralytic, "Take courage, son. Your sins are forgiven." Some of the scribes said to themselves, "This fellow blasphemes." Jesus, knowing their thoughts said, "Why are you thinking evil in your hearts? Which is easier to say, 'Your sins are forgiven' or to say 'Get up and walk,' but so many of you know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins." He said to the paralytic, "Get up. Pick up your bed and go home." He got up and he went home but when the crowd saw this, they were awestruck and glorified God who had given such authority to men.

Jesus has all authority over nature. He has all authority over sin. I don't care what your sin is today, let me tell you this, Jesus Christ can forgive any sin anywhere, anytime. All sin bows to Christ. No matter how heinous, no matter how wicked, no matter how vile, no matter how self-righteous. Jesus can take care of your sin. Blessed be the name of our great God. He has all authority over nature. He has all authority over sin.

Luke 10:17 tells us He has all authority over evil. You know the story. The 70 went out and when they returned they came with joy and they said, "Lord, even the demons are subject to us in Your name. They're not subject to us but the wicked evil demons of the world. They even are subject to us. You have authority over nature, over sin, over evil in Your name."

Then fourthly we find not only does He have authority over nature and over sin and evil, thank God Jesus has authority over death. Luke 7, beginning in verse number 11, we find these words. Listen to the word of God in Luke 7 beginning in verse number 11.

*Soon afterwards He went to a city called Nain; and His disciples were going along with Him, accompanied by a large crowd. Now as He approached the gate of the city, a dead man was being carried out [they're having a funeral], the only son of his mother, and she was a widow; and a sizeable crowd from the city was with her. When the Lord saw her, He felt compassion for her, and said to her, "Do not weep." And He came up and touched the coffin; and the bearers came to a halt. And He said, "Young man, I say to you, arise!" The dead man sat up and began to speak. [Now this is the funeral where I want to be the pallbearer. Can you imagine? You see, they didn't put them in a box, a casket. It's like they're on a stretcher and they're covered and they put*

spices on them in that day and this young man, he sat up and he started talking.] *And Jesus gave him back to his mother. Fear gripped them all [Well hello. And what did they do?], and they began glorifying God, saying, "A great prophet has arisen among us!" and, "God has visited His people!" This report concerning Him went out all over Judea and in all the surrounding district.*

Let me tell you, Jesus has authority over death. There comes a day when we all die and we all stay dead. I mean by that we'll be buried. I'll do a funeral this week on Thursday for one of my neighbors. I visited an older man also this week and if God doesn't intervene I'll have his funeral in a few days. You say, "Pastor, I don't see resurrections in our world." No, I'll be honest, I've never witnessed one. Though David Platt, president of the International Mission Board tells the story. I've heard it twice now of a man they prayed for that they thought was dead over in the mission field. From every report, the only thing they can say is that they thought he was dead and now he lives. I wasn't there but I can tell you this. Where Jesus is, there comes a day when the dead in Christ rise. As a matter of fact, I'm never going to die. I'm not. My body is going to lie down. The way I felt early this morning it may lay down today. That'd be quite alright.

A young girl came in to church out here this morning. She didn't look very happy. Her mom and daddy brought her to church. I looked at her and I said, "Darlin', listen, that face. That's pitiful." They made her come. I said, "Let me tell you, if they weren't paying me, I wouldn't be here today." She looked at me like, "They're paying you to come?" Hey, we all have bad days, don't we? Amen. We all have them. I'm telling you, there's a day coming when you die. You lay down this body but if you know Christ, you're not really dead. You've just transferred. Amen. Though they die yet shall they live. Why? Because Jesus got up. He has authority over death. They killed Him. They put Him in a tomb and He wouldn't stay dead. He came out and He told death, "Go to hell. I'm getting out of here." He overcomes death. Why? He has all authority. He's the very Son of God. He has authority over nature.

He has authority over sin, over evil, over death, but now here's the message for the morning. Matthew 28. He has authority over His church. If you're a part of the church, if you're saved, been baptized and you're a part of Olive or some other church or this, if you're a part of God's body, say Amen. Alright, if you said that and you are correct, He has all authority over you. You are not your own. You've been bought with a price. You don't have any say in the matter. He's the boss. He's the goat. That's the word today. The greatest of all time when they talk about a ballplayer. They say, "He's the goat. He's the greatest of all time." Let me tell you, Jesus is not just the goat. He's the sheep and the goat. He brings it all together. He's the greatest of all time. He overcame death, hell, and the grave and He started this thing called the church and the church is in 100% absolute submission when she's walking in obedience to the authority of Jesus.

So what God tells us to do, we're to do. "Where do you get that, pastor?" Well look at the Great Commission in Matthew 28. We all know verses 19 and 20. That's

what all these flags are about but in Matthew 28, we see it in verses 18. *And Jesus came up and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go therefore [you know the rest of it] and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age."* Jesus prefaced the Great Commission by a great statement where He said, "All authority has been given to me in heaven and on earth."

In Ephesians 1:22 and 23, listen to this. *And He put all things in subjection under His feet, and gave Him as head over all things to the church, which is His body, the fullness of Him who fills all in all.* Jesus is the head. In Ephesians 5:23, he says: *For the husband is the head of the wife, as Christ also is the head of the church, He Himself being the Savior of the body.* I'm not the head of the church. You're not the head of the church. The Pope's not the head of the church. Jesus Christ is the head of the church and if He's the head, the head tells the body what to do. He has all authority with His church. In Colossians 1:18: *He is also head of the body, the church; and He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that He Himself will come to have first place in everything.*

He doesn't have second place. He's not in third place. He's not in tenth place. For some of you, you act like He's tenth place in your life. Let me tell you, Jesus Christ is to have first place, the preeminent place in your life. The church called Olive can only function when we move Jesus to the authoritative first place seat, the head of all the church. I don't know anything about what goes on back here but I know this. When you are in an orchestra and people blow this stuff, the chairs are numbered. There's first chair, second chair, third chair, and you've got to be the lead dog if you sit in the first chair. Let me tell you, there's some chairs at Olive and Jesus occupies first chair. He will not sit in the second chair. He will not sit in the third chair. If He is not given the first chair He gets up and walks out because this is His body, not mine. This is His body, not yours.

I joke a lot – people, they often say, "You know, Olive, pastor, you know, your church." I say, "Whoa." People that sit in the pew a lot of them when things are not going well they'll say, "Pastor, your church." Then when it goes well sometimes people will say, "You know, my church." Now I know what they mean. They don't mean to demote Jesus but, dear friends, we must ever be reminded not only must we not, we cannot demote Him. We don't have enough authority in our own life to demote the Lord. He's either Lord of it all or He's gone and He'll let you just walk in your religion. That's what He did with these chief priests, with these elders. People say, "Well now, where'd you get your credentials?" In just a few weeks He's going to show them credentials. "Go right over here. There's a borrowed tomb. It'll be empty." That's His credentials. He got up. Nobody else got up. He got up.

So when He said that all authority has been given to Him, all authority is His both in heaven and on earth then we are to do what? Go. We're to go. Now listen to me this morning. We're to go to all the world. You see these flags that are here up around,

all there, down here, around, up here. We're to go. We're to go into all the world. If you've never been on a mission trip, you ought to pray about going. Why? Because Jesus told you to go. Some of you ought to pray about taking a vacation week with all your family and go. Go. But like the little girl in the cartoon, going is good but it's just training for where you live. You are to go and be on a mission trip every day. That's why you give your money. That's why you bring your tithe. Why do I bring my tithe? Because Jesus is the head of the church and He has authorized it as the authoritative one, that you ought to bring a tenth of everything you have and join it with others so that together you can do more together than you can ever do apart and that the church, the local church, imperfect as it is, you ought to – because He said, "I'm the authority and you ought to give."

People ask me all the time, they say, "Pastor, is it a tenth?" Yeah, it's a tenth. I said, "I wish I could get away with a tenth." It doesn't stop there. He grows you up. For some of you, it'll stretch you to get to 10% but that tenth is a commitment to mission and it's bringing your budget under the authority of King Jesus. When we come to Christmas we'll have the Lottie Moon Christmas offering and over above our tithe we do some things. Like we're building this building over and above our tithe. Over and above our tithe, we send missionaries. We've got a missionary from Turkey that's here with us today. We help them. We fund them. We send them. Why? Because Jesus is the authoritative one. He's told us, "Go, as you are going, make disciples." So we go to the world.

We don't just go to the world, we go to our own nation. We go across America. That's why we're planting churches. That's why we do the work in New York and Connecticut. It's just across the border into Canada. That's why we planted out in Cleveland. That's why we planted in Los Angeles. That's why we plant. It's that we go.

Let's just be dead honest. We have great, great coverage of churches in America but we live in a nation that is more lost now than it's ever been in our history. We live in a lost, broken nation. A baseball player playing for Miami died last night, yesterday, in a boating accident. Today when the Dolphins play the Browns they will remember him with a moment of silence. I googled moment of silence this morning. It goes way back before ever America. People have done it but the reason that it's in America is that it now substitutes for prayer. We used to pray but now we don't pray. We have a moment of silence. Even the ACLU comes against that because they seem to be just giving time to pray.

I'm here to tell you, America doesn't need a moment of silence. American needs to cry out to God. We need to cry out, "O God, help us" because America is so lost, so lost, so broken but I'm here to tell you that Jesus is still the Lord in America and you ought to take the gospel and you ought to go with the gospel. Amen. Yes, sir. We ought to go across America with the gospel. I'm amazed how God'll give opportunities if you'll just say, "Okay, Lord, I'm willing today." God'll run more people by you, as you travel, as you go.

We're so mobile. Man, we're like every other church in America. If everybody that ever joined this church would've stayed here rather than being shipped out, we wouldn't know what to do with all the people. But you see, when you get to a place – we're at about 3,000 – when a church breaks in at about 1,750, it's when the numbers are very difficult to maintain because every Sunday you've got a lot of people leaving and to stay even, you've got to have a lot of people coming in. As you get to where we are it gets even harder because we're so mobile. We've got people moving somewhere all the time. I mean the military sends us so many but they take as many as they send and we see that. If you work for Gulf Power, you've got to go if you're going to rise. So people come in and they go out.

You see, our job is to win our world and when we make disciples here, when we send people out sometimes they're sent to a mission field. Praise the Lord. We should not be angry about that. We just send them to go but we've got to raise them up right here. Why do we do that? Because God's given us authority. He's told us what we're to do. We're to go to the nations. We're to go to America but now listen to me. We are to go to Pensacola, Florida right here. We've got to win our world.

I share with you all the time, I walk my circle where I live. The man I'm going to bury here in just a few days, I met him. He had cancer in his face. He was not always easy to look upon the first time you'd meet him because he'd been disfigured a little but I met him and he came out, "Pastor, how are you?" He engaged me before I engaged him. I got to know Drew. I'll never forget the day that I confronted him about the gospel. He said, "Yes, pastor, I'm ready." I said, "You ready? Have you called?" "Yes." He said, "I'll serve the Lord and his army down here or if He wants to call me up there to serve, I'll serve Him there." That was his word to me.

Do you know after that boy died, his mother and daddy, they said, "Pastor, he told us that he wanted to serve in God's army." I said, "That's exactly what he told me." His mother wept. She said, "Is that for real?" I said, "Yeah, that's what he told me." I said, "As best I know, he made his confession that Jesus was his Lord." You see, friend, when we get to the place that we don't have a burden to tell anybody about the gospel, you've moved out from under the authority of Jesus. He's put you here to be a gospel teller. "All authority is given to Me both in heaven and earth. Go therefore, and make disciples of all the nations." Tell them how to know Christ and how to follow and then baptize them. "Lo I am with you always, even to the end of the age. Til the end of the time I'm going to be with you so go tell."

Most people in Pensacola believe but they don't believe. Stay with me. Most people in the south believe but they don't believe. You see, even the demons believe in Jesus. They believe but they don't believe. You got it? You see, it's one thing to acknowledge that there is a God and that maybe Jesus was but it's another thing to say He's the authority of my life and I trust Him and trust Him alone and I believe on the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Let me illustrate it for you. In 1859, a man by the name of Charles Blondin, he was one of the first acrobat, tightrope walking guys. In 1859, Blondin got permission to walk a tightrope across Niagara Falls. Just getting the rope stretched across there, the cable was no piece of cake, but they finally got it done and people came, thousands of people to see him fall to his death. So Blondin, in 1859, walked the cable to the other side. He did. Then he turned around and walked back and during his life, this man crossed Niagara Falls 300 different times. On one occasion he carried a bottle of wine and halfway across he sat down, turned it up, had his wine, had a little rope and he lowered it down to the boat that was in the river. On one occasion he went across and he carried a small cook stove on his back and he stopped and cooked flapjacks and ate them.

On another occasion he went across with a wheelbarrow in front of him and he rolled that wheelbarrow all the way to the other side and when he got there, there was a little boy, the child, 10 or 11, and Charles Blondin said to him, "Son, do you believe I can roll this wheelbarrow back to the other side?" He said, "Why sure I believe you can. I just saw you do it." He said, "Hop in." He said, "I'm not going." You see, he believed but he didn't believe.

Most people in the south, they believe but they're not getting in. You see, friend, it's one thing to believe that Jesus is. It's another thing to bow your life and say, "He's my Lord. I bow to him in whatever He says. I give Him authority in my life." For some of you today, you've believed in your head, you've come to church, but you've never gotten in the wheelbarrow because you're just not sure Jesus can get you to the other side. Most people I run into believe, not everybody, but most believe but they don't believe. They don't put their full faith and trust in Christ. They've got this mental capacity, mental assent to Jesus. "Yeah, He's good and if I get in trouble I might talk to Him," but it's another thing to come to Him and say, "Lord, I trust you. I give you all authority in my life."

You see, the Chief Priests and the elders, they believed but they didn't believe. I'm fearful today that we've got a lot of people in the church who give verbal assent. "I believe," but they've never learned what the word faith is all about, to say, "I put my full weight and trust and give Him preeminent authority, first place, salvific position in my life."

Why do we go to the nations? Because people are lost. Why do we tell the gospel? Because people are lost. Yes, He sent us and we should go but they are lost. People are lost without Christ. To be lost means to be separated from God. In Luke 15, Jesus told that great parable about lostness. There were 100 sheep but the sheep were lost. There were ten silver coins but that one coin was lost. There were two sons. We call him the prodigal. One was lost. One of the sheep was lost. One of the silver coins was lost. One of the sons was lost and Jesus went to find it. I'm here to tell you, Jesus has come to find you today and He's saying, "Come to me. I gave My life for you. I died for you. I rose for you and whoever will call on My name, I'll save him."

This morning the call of God is in this room. The call is threefold. Number one. There are some people in this room today He's calling to vocational service, to go as a missionary, to go as a preacher. To go and say, "I give my life vocationally to Christ." Amen. You ought to come today and say, "Pastor, that's me." That young man that's here from Turkey said, "Pastor, I was in this church and I preached right here my first sermon. I'm here today." He answered the call of God. Some of you, the call of God, you need to come.

For others, there's the call of God to come and profess Jesus as your Lord. Make Him king. Say, "I bring my life under His authority and I come to be saved today. I come for Jesus to rule, to forgive my sin. I come to bow. I have no righteousness of my own but I bow and say, 'O God, forgive me' and I come and if He says, 'be baptized,' I'm baptized. If He says, 'Come join this church,' I'll join it. Whatever God tells me to do. I'm coming for salvation, for membership, for baptism. I'm coming just simply to say, 'He has all authority.' I come to be His."

For some of you there is a specific call of someone you need to go to. I gave you a little orange card. I told you to get it early in the service. On the back of that card there are three spaces. There's some names you need to write there and say, "I need to go to her. I need to go to him." For some of you it's a place you need to go. Write there where you need to go.

My wife from time to time comes in from visiting her mother over at the retirement center where Miss Mary is and she says, "Pray for me." She'll call the name and say, "I've got to go talk to that lady." She said, "I was walking through today and God just nailed me that I've got to go share the gospel." God's speaking a call into some people's hearts here about some actions today. Some of you need to come right here. Some of you need to come forward today in this invitation in just a moment but some of you need to write those things down on that card and say, "Yep, right there. I need to go on that trip. I need to go to this person." You need to write down what God's telling you to do, tuck it in your Bible and begin to pray until you can find Holy Ghost courage to go do what the authoritative Jesus has said.

Now don't forget this and we're done. Let's stand together as a matter of fact. Let's just all rise. I want you to listen to me now. Don't miss the last part. After He said all authority was His, to go, and then He said, "And lo I am" what? "With you. I am with you." Whatever God calls you to do, He's going with you. He doesn't leave you alone. If He's called you to come here, He's coming with you. He's calling you to go there. He's going with you, with you. All authority.

What's God calling you to do today? As God speaks into your heart, you step out.

Lord Jesus, have Your way. Thank You for being the authoritative one. We bow before You today. Give the harvest and we praise.