

7-Day Bible Study — The Authority of Christ & The Authority of the Believer

Day 1: The Meaning of Authority (Exousia)

Scripture:

Exousia — authority, legal right.

Dynamis — power, ability.

Teaching:

Jesus possesses both the right to act and the power to accomplish it.

This study begins with understanding the foundation of His divine authority.

Reflection Questions:

1. What does it mean to you that Jesus has both authority and power?
2. How does understanding 'exousia' change how you see Jesus's teachings?
3. Where do you see areas in your life that need His authority?

Prayer:

Lord Jesus, teach me to understand the depth of Your authority. Open my heart to see who You truly are. Amen.

Day 2: All Authority Belongs to Jesus

Scripture:

Matthew 28:18 — "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to Me."

Teaching:

Jesus's authority is not partial; it is absolute.

He rules over all creation, spiritual and physical.

Reflection Questions:

1. What does 'all authority' cover in your personal life?
2. How does this truth calm your fears?
3. What area do you need to surrender under His authority today?

Prayer:

Father, help me trust the full authority of Your Son. Let His lordship settle my heart. Amen.

Day 3: Authority Demonstrated by Jesus

Scripture:

Mark 1:21–22 — Jesus taught with authority.

Matthew 9:6 — authority to forgive sins.

Teaching:

Jesus showed His authority by healing, delivering, calming storms, and forgiving sins.

His authority always brought freedom.

Reflection Questions:

1. Which demonstration of Jesus's authority speaks most to you?
2. How do these moments strengthen your faith?
3. Where do you need His authority demonstrated in your life today?

Prayer:

Lord, demonstrate Your authority in my home, my heart, and my life. Amen.

Day 4: Jesus Delegates Authority to Believers

Scripture:

Matthew 28:19 — “Therefore go...”

Luke 10:19 — “I have given you authority...”

Teaching:

Jesus gives His followers authority to carry out His mission.

We act as His representatives, not in our power but in His.

Reflection Questions:

1. Why is His authority the foundation for our mission?
2. How should believers use delegated authority?
3. What does acting “in Jesus's name” mean to you personally?

Prayer:

Jesus, thank You for trusting me with Your delegated authority. Help me walk humbly and boldly. Amen.

Day 5: Authority Over Darkness

Scripture:

Luke 10:19 — authority over the enemy.

Mark 16:17–18 — signs of authority in believers.

Teaching:

Believers have been given authority to stand against darkness.

This authority is always exercised through Jesus's name.

Reflection Questions:

1. Where do you feel the enemy tries to bring fear or confusion?
2. How can you use the authority Jesus gave you?
3. What Scripture can you speak over your home or situation?

Prayer:

Lord, help me stand firm in the authority You gave me. Let no fear take root. Amen.

Day 6: Submission Before Authority

Scripture:

James 4:7 — "Submit to God. Resist the devil."

Teaching:

Submission positions the believer under God's covering.

Authority is effective only from a place of obedience and humility.

Reflection Questions:

1. Why is submission necessary before resistance?
2. What area of your heart do you feel God asking you to submit?
3. How can obedience strengthen your spiritual authority today?

Prayer:

Father, I submit my heart, my words, and my home to You. Strengthen me to resist the enemy. Amen.

Day 7: Walking Daily in Christ's Authority

Scripture:

Ephesians 6:10–12 — spiritual armor.

Teaching:

Authority is not loud or forceful; it is calm, steady confidence in Jesus.

We use His Word, His name, and His Spirit to stand firm.

Reflection Questions:

1. Which piece of spiritual armor do you need most right now?
2. Where do you need to walk in Christ's authority at home?

3. How will you apply what you learned this week?

Prayer:

Lord Jesus, thank You for teaching me to walk in Your authority. Let Your peace rule my home and my heart. Amen.