

**The Authority of Jesus**  
**Easter 2021**

Jesus made three claims inside of three conversations which all focused on one word - authority. These three claims of authority were all validated by one event – the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

1. Early in His ministry:

This first one is early in the ministry of Jesus and it has to do with clearing the Temple.

*Then the Jews demanded of him, "What miraculous sign can you show us to prove your **authority** to do all this?"* John 2:18 (NIV)

The resurrection was the sign that Jesus gave to authenticate His authority over the Jewish temple and the Jewish religion.

2. Toward the end of the middle section of His ministry, Jesus made some incredible claims:

I am the bread of life, John 6. I am the light of the world, John 8.

I am the gate, John 10. I am the good shepherd, John 10.

To substantiate the claim of being the good shepherd, Jesus pointed to the resurrection.

*"I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have **authority** to lay it down and **authority** to take it up again. This command I received from my Father."* John 10:11,18 (NIV)

3. The third occasion was after the resurrection. Speaking as the Risen Lord, Jesus said:

*"All **authority** has been given to me, go and make disciples of all nations."*  
Mt 28:18-19 (paraphrase of NIV)

You can respond by acknowledging the authority that Jesus has in your life:

**1. No Authority.**

**2. Limited authority.**

**3. All authority.**

Will your response to Jesus be – no authority, limited authority, or all authority?

You can't change what Jesus said, or did or claimed.

But you can change how you relate to Jesus. You can trust Him as Lord.