

MATTHEW



WELCOME!

We are glad you are joining us.

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Matthew Week 33

Text: Matthew 21:18-27

The Authority of Jesus

What is your _____ with the authority of Jesus?

Micah 7:1-2 and Jeremiah 8:13

The _____, its authorities, and its sacrificial system will bear no more fruit. Jesus teaches us to pray that Kingdom power would overthrow any system that keeps people from God.

Wherever you have the most _____ or the most _____ in your life is precisely where you are most likely to resist or reject the authority of Jesus.

Why does Jesus leave the question of his authority open ended?

Jacob replied, "I will not let you go unless you _____ me."

How strongly are you wrestling with the question of the authority of Jesus?

What does it look like to _____ with God?

When you have been hurt by the church, you inevitably wrestle with God.

Anyone who wonders about their identity is wrestling with God.

"The Age of _____"

YOUR MOVE

What is your relationship with the authority of Jesus? Are you being authentic with who you are *and* submitting that to the authority of Jesus?

Study Notes

The whole sermon centered around the question of the authority of Jesus. Therefore, these extra notes are all about the words used by Matthew in the original text. I hope this exploration of its meaning and various uses in the NT is helpful:

exousia: Authority, power, right, jurisdiction

Original Word: ἐξουσία

Part of Speech: Noun, Feminine

Transliteration: exousia

Pronunciation: ex-oo-see'-ah

Phonetic Spelling: (ex-oo-see'-ah)

Definition: Authority, power, right, jurisdiction

Meaning: (a) power, authority, weight, especially: moral authority, influence, (b) in a quasi-personal sense, derived from later Judaism, of a spiritual power, and hence of an earthly power.

Word Origin: Derived from the verb ἔξεστι (exesti), meaning "it is lawful" or "it is permitted."

Corresponding Greek / Hebrew Entries: - H4475 (memshalah): Dominion, rule, authority

- H7980 (shalat): To have power, to rule

Usage: The Greek word "exousia" primarily denotes the concept of authority or power. It is used in the New Testament to describe the power or right to act, command, or control. This authority can be inherent, as in the divine authority of God, or delegated, as in the authority given to individuals or institutions. "Exousia" encompasses both the right to exercise power and the power itself.

Cultural and Historical Background: In the Greco-Roman world, authority was a significant concept, often associated with political and social structures. Authority was exercised by rulers, military leaders, and religious figures. In Jewish thought, authority was closely linked to divine mandate and the law. The New Testament reflects these cultural understandings, emphasizing the ultimate authority of God and the delegated authority given to Jesus Christ and His followers.

HELPS Word-studies

1849 eksousía (from 1537 /ek, "out from," which intensifies 1510 /eimí, "to be, being as a right or privilege") – authority, conferred power; delegated empowerment ("authorization"), operating in a designated jurisdiction.

In the NT, 1849 /eksousía ("delegated power") refers to the authority God gives to His saints – authorizing them to act to the extent they are guided by faith (His revealed word).

Here are a bunch of other places in the NT where the same word is used. There are 109 instances of this word in the whole NT, I just picked a bunch that seemed juicy. Look them up, enjoy!

Matthew 7:29

Matthew 8:9

Matthew 28:18

Mark 1:27

Mark 6:7

Luke 4:32

John 10:18

Acts 8:19

Romans 13:1

1 Corinthians 9:4

Ephesians 3:10