

# One Step Behind Jesus

## The Authority

### Luke 4:31-44

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Jesus is the Ultimate Authority! He has power over all things - both natural and supernatural. His power and authority give us, His followers, great hope and security. When we face enemies of all kinds, we can turn to Him for help!

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## Jesus Christ is the **Ultimate Authority!**

As His ministry unfolds Jesus establishes His authority . . .

- Authority of **His message:**

Luke 4:31-32

- Authority over **demons.**

Luke 4:33-37, 41

Pray this as needed: "I reject this temptation, this fear, or this opposition in the Name of Jesus Christ and in the authority of His shed blood on the cross for me."

- Authority over **disease.**

Luke 4:38-40

- Authority of **His mission.**

Luke 4:42-44

*Since nothing can stand against Jesus Christ,  
consider your posture ...  
**are you submitted to His authority?***

*Looking ahead: Next Sunday we will study Luke 5:1-11*

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## *First Sunday of Advent: Hope*

*Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God; trust also in Me.  
In my Father's house are many rooms; if it were not so, I would have told you.  
I am going there to prepare a place for you.  
And if I go and prepare a place for you I will come back  
and take you to be with Me that you also may be where I am. John 14:1-3*

As Christians we have a great reason to hope! John 1:1 proclaims: "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God." John 1:14 goes on to say: "The Word became flesh and made His dwelling among us. We have seen His glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth." The Word is Jesus, the living God! We know everything Scripture tells us is true because it is not only from God, it is God, the Word.

When the prophet Isaiah foretold the birth of Christ, a new hope was born into the world; a hope that lives in us today. After Jesus came in the flesh, He promised to return and take us to be with Him, giving us eternal hope that surpasses the condition of our life on earth.

Take a moment and think about the things you want and the things for which you hope. Many of them may be of temporary value, but some will have deep eternal longings as well. Now think about the things you hope for:

- this week,
- this Christmas season,
- the New Year to come,
- your lifetime on earth and your next life in heaven.



Now ponder in your heart what it will be like to see Jesus face-to-face in all His glory and splendor and imagine what it will be like to go where He is. We have a hope and comfort as Believers and someday Christ will take us home where sin and death have no place. Your spiritual journey begins the moment you believe in this extraordinary hope and lasts through all eternity.

We invite you to open the Word, and open your heart and begin this day in a deeper relationship with the One and Only Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

*Prayer: Heavenly Father, we thank You for the blessing of Your Word and Your Son in our lives. We thank you for the hope of our heavenly home where our family can dwell together with You forever. In Christ's Name we pray.*

*Amen*