

The Authority of Jesus

- **Tell three stories of Jesus controlling nature**
 - **Peace be still**
 - **After telling the parable of the Sower, Mark says 4:35-41**
 - ³⁵ That day when evening came, he said to his disciples, “Let us go over to the other side.” ³⁶ Leaving the crowd behind, they took him along, just as he was, in the boat. ^(Z) There were also other boats with him. ³⁷ A furious squall came up, and the waves broke over the boat, so that it was nearly swamped. ³⁸ Jesus was in the stern, sleeping on a cushion. The disciples woke him and said to him, “Teacher, don’t you care if we drown?” ³⁹ He got up, rebuked the wind and said to the waves, “Quiet! Be still!” Then the wind died down and it was completely calm. ⁴⁰ He said to his disciples, “Why are you so afraid? Do you still have no faith?” ^(AA) ⁴¹ They were terrified and asked each other, “Who is this?”

Even the wind and the waves obey him!”

○ **Great catch of fishes**

- After teaching from Peter’s boat to the crowd on the shore, Luke records:

- ⁴ When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, “Put out into deep water, and let down the nets for a catch.”

- ⁵ Simon answered, “Master,^(E) we’ve worked hard all night and haven’t caught anything.^(F) But because you say so, I will let down the nets.”

- ⁶ When they had done so, they caught such a large number of fish that their nets began to break.^(G) ⁷ So they signaled their

- partners in the other boat to come and help them, and they came and filled both boats so full that they began to sink.

- ⁸ When Simon Peter saw this, he fell at Jesus’ knees and said, “Go away from me, Lord; I am a sinful man!”^(H) ⁹ For he and all

- his companions were

astonished at the catch of fish they had taken, ¹⁰ and so were James and John, the sons of Zebedee, Simon's partners. Then Jesus said to Simon, "Don't be afraid;^(I) from now on you will fish for people."¹¹ So they pulled their boats up on shore, left everything and followed him.

○ **Water into wine**

▪ At the wedding, John writes:

- On the third day a wedding took place at Cana in Galilee.^(A) Jesus' mother^(B) was there, ² and Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. ³ When the wine was gone, Jesus' mother said to him, "They have no more wine."⁴ "Woman,^[a]^(C) why do you involve me?"^(D) Jesus replied. "My hour^(E) has not yet come."⁵ His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you."^(E) ⁶ Nearby stood six stone water jars, the kind used by the Jews for ceremonial

washing,^(G) each holding from twenty to thirty gallons. ⁷ Jesus said to the servants, “Fill the jars with water”; so they filled them to the brim. ⁸ Then he told them, “Now draw some out and take it to the master of the banquet.” They did so, ⁹ and the master of the banquet tasted the water that had been turned into wine.^(H) He did not realize where it had come from, though the servants who had drawn the water knew. Then he called the bridegroom aside ¹⁰ and said, “Everyone brings out the choice wine first and then the cheaper wine after the guests have had too much to drink; but you have saved the best till now.”

- **Tell two stories of how he was authoritative over men**
 - **The authority of John the Baptist**
 - Matthew (21.23) says: ²³ Jesus entered the temple courts, and, while he was teaching, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him. “By what

authority^(AA) are you doing these things?” they asked. “And who gave you this authority?” ²⁴ Jesus replied, “I will also ask you one question. If you answer me, I will tell you by what authority I am doing these things. ²⁵ John’s baptism—where did it come from? Was it from heaven, or of human origin?” They discussed it among themselves and said, “If we say, ‘From heaven,’ he will ask, ‘Then why didn’t you believe him?’ ²⁶ But if we say, ‘Of human origin’—we are afraid of the people, for they all hold that John was a prophet.”^(AB) ²⁷ So they answered Jesus, “We don’t know.” Then he said, “Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.”

- **Story of the Good Samaritan LED to them understanding and they had no defense.**
 - Luke 10.25-37 says ²⁵ On one occasion an expert in the law stood up to test Jesus. “Teacher,” he asked, “what must I do to inherit eternal life?”^(B) ²⁶ “What is written in the Law?” he replied. “How do you read it?” ²⁷ He answered, ““Love the

Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind'^[a]; ^(C) and, 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'^[b]"^(D)

²⁸ "You have answered correctly," Jesus replied. "Do this and you will live."^(E)

²⁹ But he wanted to justify himself, ^(F) so he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" ³⁰ In reply Jesus said: "A

man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, when he was attacked by robbers. They stripped him of his clothes, beat him and went away, leaving him half dead. ³¹ A priest

happened to be going down the same road, and when he saw the man, he passed by on the other side. ^(G) ³² So too,

a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. ³³ But a Samaritan, ^(H) as he

traveled, came where the man was; and when he saw him, he took pity on him. ³⁴ He went to him and bandaged his

wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he put the man on his own donkey, brought him to an inn and took care of

him. ³⁵ The next day he took out two denarii^[c] and gave them to the innkeeper. ‘Look after him,’ he said, ‘and when I return, I will reimburse you for any extra expense you may have.’

³⁶ “Which of these three do you think was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of robbers?” ³⁷ The expert in the law replied, “The one who had mercy on him.” Jesus told him, “Go and do likewise.”

- **Remind how men have incomplete Authority**
 - **People in Authority in government often do not get along and cannot accomplish their goals**
 - Obama had trouble getting along with the Repulicans
 - Trump is having trouble getting along with people in his own leadership
AND the Democrats
 - People in authority often are jealous of who gets the credit, causing factions, quibbling, finger-pointing.
 - **But God, Christ, and the Holy Spirit all work together in Perfect Harmony to accomplish their goals.**

- Together they created the world.
- Together they created, advised, and led the Israellites.
- Together they put Jesus on earth at the perfect time.
- Together, through guiding men, they created the church
- 100% success rate w/o jealousy for credit, factions, quibbling, etc.
- **So Jesus is the only one trustworthy**
 - **No other man has authority over nature**
- **No other man has more wisdom than men**
 - **What he says works every time in Perfect Harmony**
- **When you live his life by his instruction it will work right**
- **Life can be very good and Heaven is a bonus**