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“For the kingdom of God does not consist in talk, but in power.” –1 Cor. 4:20

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**“The Power (and Authority) of Jesus”**

**Matthew 7:28-29**

<sup>28</sup> And when Jesus finished these sayings, the crowds were astonished at his teaching, <sup>29</sup> for he was teaching them as one who had authority, and not as their scribes.

**Matthew 10:1**

<sup>1</sup> And he called to him his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal every disease and every affliction.

**Where we usually seek to find power in our world**

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**Where Jesus found it**

**The truth about Jesus’ power and authority**

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**“...as one who had authority”**

*(Four applications to experience the power of Jesus)*

**1. Recognize** \_\_\_\_\_.

*“...the crowds were amazed at His teaching; for He was teaching them as one who had authority.” (Matt. 7:28-29, NASB)*

**2. Submit** \_\_\_\_\_.

*“Which is easier: to say, ‘Your sins are forgiven,’ or to say, ‘Get up and walk’? But I want you to know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins.” So he said to the paralyzed man, “Get up, take your mat and go home.” Then the man got up and went home. When the crowd saw this, they were filled with awe; and they praised God, who had given such authority to man.” (Matt. 9:5-8)*

**3. Appropriate** \_\_\_\_\_.

*“And he called to him his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal every disease and every affliction.” (Matt. 10:1)*

**4. Go** \_\_\_\_\_.

*“And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in[a] the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.” (Matt. 28:18-20)*