



## Jesus is... The Absolute Authority

**Background** – This series is designed to explore the nature and character of Jesus Christ. He is God and the only hope for the world to know and establish a relationship with God.

**Key Verse/Scripture Memory** – Matthew 28:18

**Take Away** – God has given us Himself through His son, Jesus Christ. Do you believe?

### Sermon Outline

- I. Jesus is the absolute authority over all things. How do we know?
  - A. Jesus lived and spoke with authority. [Matthew 7:28-29](#), [Mark 1:27-28](#), [John 18:4-6](#)
  - B. Jesus demonstrated authority over death. [Colossians 1:15-20](#), [John 11:25](#), [Matthew 9:18, 23-26](#)
  - C. Jesus validated his authority through His resurrection. [Ephesians 1:18-23](#)
    - 1) Jesus... gives us hope.
    - 2) Jesus... gives us security.
    - 3) Jesus... gives us His presence.
- II. Application
  - 1) How will you respond to the absolute authority of Jesus?
  - 2) How does the absolute authority of Jesus change how you live and make decisions?

### **Small-Group Discussion**

- 1) Pray – That God’s Word would cause us to believe in the deity of Jesus.
- 2) Briefly review the sermon outline. Have people read aloud a few of the scriptures covered and explain why they are important and meaningful.
- 3) Discuss together:
  - a) Read verses Matthew 7:28-29. What was the response of the crowds to Jesus’ teaching? (Notice other places in this gospel where a similar phrase is used: 7:28; 11:1; 13:54; 19:1; 26:1) Why must we listen to his teachings and put them into practice?
  - b) Re-read Colossians 1:15-20. What is the relationship between Christ and the invisible God? Between Christ and creation? Between Christ and the church?
  - c) In Point C, Pastor Derek explained that through Jesus’ authority over death, He gives us hope, He gives us security, and He gives us His presence. Considering your life right now, in what ways might you need His hope, security, or presence?
  - d) Discuss the final two application questions from the sermon.

### **Additional Resources**

- 1) Check out one of our missionary’s websites for awesome resources on this and other issues concerning Jesus. (Jim Walton- [The Third Choice](#))