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Quarter 2

The Authority of Jesus

Family Devotional

Forever, O LORD, Your word is settled in heaven.
Your faithfulness endures to all generations; You
established the earth, and it abides.—Psalm 119:89–90



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Jesus's Mission

Lesson Summary

This week we looked at Jesus's mission—to glorify His Father in heaven. He did that by reflecting God's character and by completing the mission for which He had come—to be obedient to the point of death on the Cross, to provide salvation for all who trust in Him.

The Bible tells us that God created us for His own glory (Isaiah 43:6–7), that our good works are so others will give God glory (Matthew 5:16), that everything we do is to be done for God's glory (1 Corinthians 10:31), and that God's plan is to fill the earth with the knowledge of His glory (Habakkuk 2:14).

But, what does it mean to glorify God? How can we glorify God in our daily lives? Let's take a look at more Scriptures that talk about glorifying God.

Read and Discuss

Read the following passages and discuss the questions together.

Psalm 86:8–13

1. For what will the nations glorify God (vv. 8–10)?

2. For what does the psalmist glorify God (vv. 11–13)?

Isaiah 11:1–9

3. What will characterize the Spirit of the Lord upon this “Branch” (v. 2)?

4. How will He judge those on the earth (vv. 3–5)?

5. What will be the outcome of His rule (vv. 6–9)?

Isaiah 42:1–9

6. What will characterize God’s Servant (vv. 2–3)?

7. How is the Messiah a “covenant to the people” and a “light to the Gentiles” (v. 6)?

8. Were all these things accomplished at Christ’s first coming? When will they be accomplished?

Isaiah 49:5–10

9. What is the role of God’s Servant? What will He accomplish (vv. 5–6)?

10. What will be the response of men and nations to the Redeemer (v. 7)?

11. What will the earth look like after it is restored (vv. 8–10)?

Isaiah 53:1–11

12. How did people respond to God’s Servant (vv. 2–3)?

13. What did God’s Servant do for His people (vv. 4–6)?

14. Did God’s Servant deserve death (v. 9)? What was the purpose of His death (v. 11)?

Memory Verse

Review the memory verse with your family.

John 17:3 And this is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent.

Prayer

Thank God for His Servant, the Branch, the Messiah, Jesus. Thank Him for salvation from sin purchased by Jesus’s death on the Cross. And thank Him for the hope we have as we look forward to His return—when He will reign in perfect justice. Ask Him for opportunities to tell others about our great Savior and Redeemer.

FAMILY PRAYER REQUESTS:



Jesus Has Power Over Nature

2

Lesson Summary

The book of John tells us that Jesus is the Word, the Word was with God, and the Word was God (John 1:1). The Word—Jesus—has been with God from the very beginning; He is eternal. The Bible clearly teaches us that Jesus is the Creator God. Everything was made through Him (John 1:3; Colossians 1:16).

As Creator, Jesus has power over His creation. And He showed that power when He came to earth as a man. We looked at several miracles of Jesus this week that demonstrated that power. He walked on water! He calmed the storm! And He knew that Simon would catch fish—so many fish that the nets would begin to break and the boats begin to sink. He is God. He is worthy of all our worship and praise.

This week we want to look at some other miracles of Jesus that show His power.

Read and Discuss

Read the following passages and discuss the questions together.

John 2:1-11

1. What conversation took place between Jesus and His mother?
2. What miracle did Jesus perform in Cana?
3. What kind of wine did Jesus make?
4. What significance did this miracle have?

Matthew 8:5-13

5. What was the centurion's request? How did Jesus respond?

6. Why didn't the centurion want Jesus to come to his home?

7. How did the centurion demonstrate his faith in Jesus?

8. How did Jesus heal the man's servant?

Mark 5:25-34

9. What had this woman done to try to find healing and relief?

10. How did she demonstrate her faith in Jesus?

11. What did Jesus say to the woman? What did it take for her to be healed?

12. How did these men demonstrate their faith?

13. How did Jesus heal them? What did He ask them to do?

14. What was the nationality of the one who returned to glorify God and thank Jesus?

15. What does this passage teach us about gratitude toward God?

16. What did Jairus ask of Jesus?

17. What did Jesus say to him after he learned that his daughter had died?
18. What were the people doing at the girl's house? What did they think of Jesus?
19. How did Jesus heal the girl, and what did He command her parents?

Memory Verse

Review the memory verse with your family.

John 17:3 And this is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent.

Prayer

Thank Jesus for His compassion and His power that He demonstrated while on earth. Ask Him to give you the same compassion for those suffering. Ask Him to make you bold in your witness to His saving mercy.

FAMILY PRAYER REQUESTS:



Jesus Has Power Over Disease

3

Lesson Summary

In the account of the healing of the paralytic (Mark 2:1–12), Jesus told the man to get up and walk. Jesus healed his physical problem. But more importantly, Jesus told the man, “Son, your sins are forgiven you.” This man not only walked home with a restored body, but he also had been given a new heart—one that had been forgiven of sin. And through that forgiveness, he was given eternal life. Jesus had power over disease. And He had power over sin. He alone can forgive men who turn to Him in repentance and faith.

The word *forgive* means to wipe the slate clean, to pardon, to cancel a debt. When we wrong someone, we seek that person’s forgiveness in order to restore the relationship. Forgiveness is not granted because a person deserves to be forgiven; no one deserves to be forgiven. Forgiveness is an act of love, mercy, and grace. Forgiveness is a decision to not hold something against another person, despite what he has done to you.

Let’s look at what the Bible has to say about forgiveness of sin.

Read and Discuss

Read the following passages and discuss what they teach us about the forgiveness of sins—who needs forgiveness, sins’ consequences, and how we can obtain forgiveness.

- Ecclesiastes 7:20 –

- 1 John 1:8 –

- Romans 3:23 –

- Romans 6:23 –

- Isaiah 59:2 –

- 2 Corinthians 5:21 –

- Acts 13:38–39 –

- 1 John 1:9 –

- Ephesians 1:7 –

- Colossians 1:13–14 –

- Colossians 2:13–14 –

Memory Verse

Review the memory verse with your family.

John 17:3 And this is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent.

Prayer

Thank God for sending His Son, Jesus, as Savior and Redeemer. Thank Him for providing a sacrifice for sin. Praise Him that He is a God of mercy and grace, offering total forgiveness through the death and Resurrection of Jesus. Ask Him for boldness to share this good news with others.

FAMILY PRAYER REQUESTS:



4 Jesus Has Power Over Death

Lesson Summary

Jesus raised Lazarus from the dead, demonstrating that He is the Lord of life and that He has power over death itself! Because of Adam's sin, we will all die physically. But through the Resurrection of Christ, believers have the hope of a future resurrection and eternal life with Him.

But more than physical life, Jesus offers spiritual life. Adam's sin resulted not only in physical death, but also in spiritual death, which is separation from God. The Bible says that we all are born dead in our sins. We have no chance of making ourselves clean and sinless before God. We have no life with God while we are dead in our sins. And because of that, the thing we need more than anything else is to be made alive together with Christ. We need spiritual life.

This week we'll look at what God's Word has to say about spiritual death and spiritual life.

5. What were the results of the one man's offense, of Adam's disobedience? What were the results of the one Man's obedience (vv. 15–19)?

John 3:36; 1 John 5:11–13

6. How does one get eternal life? Where is it found?

7. Can we *know* that we have eternal life? How?

Revelation 20:11–15

8. Who will be judged before the great white throne? Who will be the judge?

9. How will people be judged?

10. What is the second death? Who will experience it? Who will not experience it?

Memory Verse

Review the memory verse with your family.

John 17:3 And this is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent.

Prayer

Thank God that though you were dead in your trespasses and sins, He has made you alive together with Christ. Thank Him that you have been born again to a living hope through the Resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. And thank Him that because of Christ, you are saved from the second death. Ask Him for compassion for those who are outside of Christ, that you may have boldness in sharing the hope of the gospel with them.

FAMILY PRAYER REQUESTS:



5

Jesus Is the Bread of Life

Lesson Summary

Jesus sometimes said some hard things to those who were following Him. As we studied this week, in John 6 Jesus told the Jews that they must eat His flesh and drink His blood. It probably sounded like He was asking them to become cannibals. But eating His flesh and drinking His blood was a metaphor. His flesh is to be eaten, but not as the manna in the wilderness. That manna—the physical bread—only sustained their ancestors physically for a time. The bread Jesus offered was His flesh upon the Cross, and the blood was His blood that was shed for the forgiveness of sins. Many were unable to receive Jesus’s words. Jesus attributed this to the fact that the Father had not granted it to them (John 6:64–65).

In chapter 7 of John, there are more “hard sayings” of Jesus. Let’s examine this chapter to see what Jesus said and how the people responded to Him.

Read and Discuss

Read the following passages and discuss the questions together.

John 7:1–13

1. What did Jesus's brothers tell Him to do? Why did they say this to Him?
2. How did Jesus respond to His brothers?
3. Why do you think Jesus went up to the feast in secret?
4. Why did people fear to speak of Jesus openly?

John 7:14–24

5. Restate verse 17 in your own words.
6. What was Jesus's main argument in verses 21–24?

13. When would believers receive the Holy Spirit?

14. Why did the officers not take Christ (vv. 45–47)?

15. Did Nicodemus defend Jesus? What might have he been afraid of? (See John 12:42.)

Memory Verse

Review the memory verse with your family.

John 17:3 And this is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent.

Prayer

Praise God for sending Jesus—the bread of life and the true living water. Ask Him to make you bold in your witness, to not be afraid to tell others about Him and His offer of eternal life.

FAMILY PRAYER REQUESTS:



6

Have You Not Read?

Lesson Summary

The younger grades had a review this week while the older classes looked at how Jesus interacted with the religious leaders of His day. He regularly pointed out errors in the way they were thinking, and to make their error clear, He pointed to the authority of the Scriptures that they claimed to follow. He held them to the standards provided in God's Word, clearly telling them that their traditions were not the right standard to be following.

This week we'll be looking at what Scripture says to us about how we are to interact with those who are not teaching the Word of God correctly.

Read and Discuss

Read the following passages and discuss the questions together.

1. How are we to discern false teachers and false teaching?

- 1 John 4:1–6 –

- Matthew 7:15–20 –

- 1 Timothy 6:3–5 –

2. What is the source of false teaching?

- 1 Timothy 4:1–4 –

- 2 Corinthians 11:13–15 –

3. How are we to respond to false teachers?

- 1 Timothy 1:3–7 –

- Romans 16:17 –

• 2 Timothy 4:1–5 –

• Titus 1:10–13 –

Memory Verse

Review the memory verse with your family.

John 17:3 And this is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent.

Prayer

Thank God for the truth of His Word. Ask Him for discernment to recognize false teaching, for wisdom to know how to respond, and for boldness to stand for the truth.

FAMILY PRAYER REQUESTS:



7

Jesus Teaches

Lesson Summary

We have all sinned in thought, word, and deed. Beyond that, we have failed to do the things that we know we should do. In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus pointed His hearers to God's standard of perfection and absolute obedience—not just outwardly, but also from the heart. But if our hearts are desperately wicked (Jeremiah 17:9) and as hard as stone (Ezekiel 36:26), how can we obey God perfectly? We can't, and that is the point. We need a heart transplant that makes us alive to the things of God.

This week we'll look at the work that God does in and through a person to make him willing and able to obey Him.

Read and Discuss

Read the following passages and discuss the questions together.

2 Thessalonians 1:11-12

1. What did Paul pray for the Thessalonian believers?
2. What did Paul pray that God would fulfill?
3. What does the phrase “work of faith” mean?

Philippians 2:12-13

4. What does Paul command the Philippian believers to do?

5. What does it mean to “work out” our salvation? What does it *not* mean (based on other Bible passages that clearly rule out salvation by works)?

6. Who is doing the work inside us as we work out our salvation?

7. Who is giving us the desire and ability to work?

Titus 2:11-14

8. What does God’s grace bring?

9. What does God’s grace teach us to do?

10. What is our blessed hope?

11. What was Jesus's purpose in giving Himself for us?

12. Do we purify ourselves or does Jesus purify us? Or is it both?
(See 1 John 3:3.)

John 15:1-5

13. Who is the vine, who is the vinedresser, and who are the branches?

14. What does each do?

15. What are we commanded to do in verse 4? Why?

16. What does it mean to abide in Christ? What will be the result of doing so?

Ephesians 2:8-10

17. How were we saved? What part did our works play in it?

18. What should be one result of our salvation?

19. Who has prepared good works for us to do? Who empowers us to do them?

Memory Verse

Review the memory verse with your family.

John 14:6 Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me."

Prayer

Praise God for His matchless grace. Thank Him that He is the one who gives us the desire and the ability to obey Him. Ask Him to help you abide in Christ that He may bear fruit through your life.

FAMILY PRAYER REQUESTS:



8

Jesus Defends God's Honor

Lesson Summary

Jesus defended God's honor when He drove the sellers and money changers out of the Temple and when He confronted the religious leaders because they were hypocrites—pretending to be holy while their hearts were wicked. Jesus demonstrated a holy, righteous anger. He never sinned in His anger.

We, however, if we are honest with ourselves, often sin in our anger. Anger seems to be one sin that all of express at one time or another. And Scripture has a lot to say about anger. Let's look at some of the passages this week.

Read and Discuss

Read the following passages from the book of Proverbs and discuss what they teach us about anger.

- Proverbs 12:18 –

- Proverbs 14:17 –

- Proverbs 14:29 –

- Proverbs 15:18 –

- Proverbs 16:32 –

- Proverbs 17:27 –

- Proverbs 19:19 –

- Proverbs 22:24–25 –

- Proverbs 25:28 –

- Proverbs 29:11 –

- Proverbs 29:22 –

Read the following passages and discuss the questions together.

Ephesians 4:26–27, 4:31–32

1. Can one be angry and yet not sin?
2. What does it mean to “not let the sun go down on your wrath”?
3. What might anger give place for?
4. Is anger something that should characterize Christians? What should instead?

James 1:19–20

5. What does James say about man’s wrath or anger?

6. What are we to put off and why?

7. What are we to put on instead?

8. How are we to treat one another?

Memory Verse

Review the memory verse with your family.

John 14:6 Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me."

Prayer

Thank God for sending Jesus as Savior and Redeemer. Thank Him for His Holy Spirit who works in us the fruit of the Spirit and gives us power over sinful anger. Ask God to help you turn to Him when you start feeling angry and instead to show love for God and others.

FAMILY PRAYER REQUESTS:



9

Jesus Teaches in Parables

Lesson Summary

Jesus used many parables to teach spiritual truth to His followers. As He explained to the disciples, this was done to fulfill prophecy and to distinguish between those who were true followers and those who were not. Jesus acknowledged that the Father was hiding these truths from some (Matthew 13:11–15). Matthew explains this further in verses 34–35 saying, “All these things Jesus spoke to the multitude in parables; and without a parable He did not speak to them, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, saying: ‘I will open My mouth in parables; I will utter things kept secret from the foundation of the world’” (quoting from Psalm 78:2). The disciples, who desired to know the truth, asked for an understanding of the parables when they did not understand. They sought truth and understanding of what Jesus was teaching (Matthew 13:36, 13:51).

We looked at a few parables in class this week, but there were many we didn’t have time to explore. So, let’s examine a few more of Jesus’s parables.

Read and Discuss

Read the following parables and discuss the questions together.

Matthew 20:1–16

1. What is the setting for this parable?
2. What did the landowner do? What did he promise each worker?
3. What happened at the end of the work day?
4. What was the response of those who had worked all day? Did they have a legitimate complaint?
5. Who is the landowner in the parable? Who are the workers?
6. What does this parable tell us about God and His grace?

Matthew 25:14–30

7. What is the setting for this parable?
8. What did the man give to his servants? How did he decide how much to give to each? (Note: A talent was a weight

measurement of gold, worth about 3,000 shekels, or tens of thousands of dollars today.)

9. What did the three servants do with their talents?

10. What happened when the master returned?

11. What had the first two servants done with their money? What was their reward?

12. What had the last servant done with his money? What did the master do to him?

13. Who is the master? Who are the servants?

14. What is the main message of this parable?

Luke 18:1-8

15. This parable tells why Jesus told it. What was the reason?

16. Describe what happened in the parable in your own words.

17. How did Jesus interpret this parable?

Luke 12:13-21

18. What was the context of Jesus telling this parable?

19. Describe what happened in the parable in your own words.

20. What point was Jesus making in this parable?

Memory Verse

Review the memory verse with your family.

John 14:6 Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me."

Prayer

Praise God that He gave us His Word. Thank Him for opening your eyes to see His glory and the truth of the gospel. Ask Him to give you compassion for the lost and a desire to share the truths of His Word with those around you.

FAMILY PRAYER REQUESTS:



10

Jesus Is the Great I AM

Lesson Summary

Many people over the last two millennia have tried to discredit Jesus as the God-man. Men like Arius, a false teacher from the fourth century, have denied the deity of Jesus and taught others to do the same. But these claims do not agree with the teaching of Scripture. Today, there are groups like the Mormons, the Jehovah's Witnesses, and others who also deny the distinct deity of Jesus as God—they think He is a god among other gods.

As we saw in our lesson this week, not only did John present Jesus as God in His gospel, but also Jesus Himself claimed to be equal with God and took the name of God to Himself. And the rest of the New Testament is clear that Jesus is God, the second Person of the Trinity. This week we will examine many of those passages.

Read and Discuss

Read the following passages and discuss how they support the deity of Jesus.

- Titus 2:11–14 –
- Philippians 2:5–8 –
- Hebrews 1:1–12 –
- John 1:1–3, 1:14 –
- Colossians 1:16–20, 2:9 –
- 1 Timothy 6:14–16 –
- 2 Peter 1:1 –
- Isaiah 9:6 –

Memory Verse

Review the memory verse with your family.

John 14:6 Jesus said to him, “I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.”

Prayer

Thank God the Father for sending God the Son to be our Redeemer. Ask God the Holy Spirit to empower you to be a bold witness to the truths of the gospel, and pray that the eyes of unbelievers you share with might be opened to see Jesus for who He really is.

FAMILY PRAYER REQUESTS:



11

True Discipleship

Lesson Summary

As we learned this week, Jesus made some strong demands from those who would be His followers, or His disciples. The English word disciple is the most common English translation of the Greek word, *mathetes*, which generally refers to a “student,” “pupil,” “apprentice,” or “adherent.” When Jesus called men to be His disciples, they would follow Him, learn from Him, and emulate Him. That’s what it means to be a disciple of Jesus.

This week we’ll look at more Scriptures that talk about disciples and discipleship.

• John 13:12–17 –

• John 13:34–35 –

Memory Verse

Review the memory verse with your family.

John 14:6 Jesus said to him, “I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.”

Prayer

Thank God for calling you to be His disciple. Ask Jesus to show you what it means to follow Him, to learn of Him, and to become like Him. Ask God to give you a burden to obey His command to make disciples of the nations.

FAMILY PRAYER REQUESTS:



12

Responding to Jesus

Lesson Summary

As we saw in our lesson this week, there are really only two responses to Jesus—you either submit to Him as Savior and Lord or you would rather He be dead so that you can rule your own little kingdom. You are either for Christ or you are against Him. You are either wheat or a tare/weed (Matthew 13:24–30, 13:36–43). You are either a sheep who will be given eternal life or a goat who will be cast into everlasting punishment (Matthew 25:31–46). We see these examples played out in Scripture, and we see them played out as we interact with other people, although we can't know for sure if someone is wheat or a tare, or a sheep or a goat (someone may repent, like the thief on the cross next to Jesus).

This week we will look at several passages from the book of Acts to see the different responses to the early church's proclamation of the gospel.

Read and Discuss

Read the following chapters from the book of Acts and record the different responses to the preaching of the gospel. Who responded with faith? Who responded with anger? Why did they respond this way? What lessons can we learn from these historical accounts?

Acts 13

Acts 14

Acts 16

Acts 17

Acts 18



13

Review

Lesson Summary

This week is a review week. We have covered so much this past quarter! We looked at Jesus's mission: to fulfill the work His Father sent Him to do—to give everlasting life to all who believe in Him. We also saw Jesus's amazing power that pointed to His deity. Jesus is indeed God, the second Person of the Trinity. And we saw how different people responded to Jesus. Some believed in Him and became His disciples; others hated Him and wanted to kill Him.

Next quarter we start out by looking at the arrest and trial of Jesus, leading up to His Crucifixion. This week we'll look at John chapter 12. This passage includes the Triumphal Entry of Jesus, which happened just days before His arrest.

Read and Discuss

Read the following passage and discuss the questions together.

John 12:1-8

1. What did Mary do for Jesus?
2. How did Judas respond? What did Jesus tell him?

John 12:9-11

3. What did some of the Jews who came to Bethany want to see?
4. Why did the Jewish leaders want to kill Lazarus? What does this reveal about their hearts?

John 12:12-19

5. What was the significance of the Triumphal Entry?
6. How did the people respond to Jesus?

7. How did the Pharisees respond?

John 12:20–26

8. To what was Jesus referring when He spoke about a grain of wheat dying?

9. What does Jesus require of those who want to follow Him?

John 12:27–36

10. For what purpose had Jesus come?

11. What did Jesus mean when He said that now judgment was coming on the world and the ruler of the world would be cast out?

John 12:37–41

12. Why didn't some people believe in Jesus, though they had seen many signs?

13. Why did many of the Jewish leaders not confess Jesus openly?

14. Why did Jesus come? What does He promise to those who believe in Him?

15. What will happen to those who reject Him and don't receive His words?

Memory Verse

Review the memory verse with your family.

John 14:6 Jesus said to him, “I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.”

Prayer

Praise God for sending Jesus as the spotless Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. Thank Him for His perfect Word that tell us of Jesus—His life, death, and Resurrection.

FAMILY PRAYER REQUESTS:
