

SHOCKING CLAIMS OF JESUS – *Episode 9: All Authority*



Team Member Name: _____ Date: _____

Game Strategy – Men, what don't we understand about the word 'all'? When Jesus says, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given me," He means all.

Be ready to take the field for this workout by completing the **Pregame Film Study**. Your contributions to the Huddle Discussion in our workout are vital to our team success. Remember we win and lose as a team!

Pregame Film Study

1. View or listen to the episode referenced above.
2. Go deep with the Scripture References, Coaching Tips and Catechism Connection on page 2.
3. Reflect upon the **Huddle Up** questions below and jot down your thoughts.

Huddle Up – Use these questions for personal reflection to share with your team at the workout.

Warm-up Questions:

1. What particular point(s) caught your attention the most in this episode?
2. What is something useful that you learned from viewing this episode that you can apply in your own life?

Workout Questions:

1. It seems as though a large number of people in the world are no longer in 'awe' of God and his authority. What do you think caused such a dramatic change in the lack of respect for God and His authority and the Church? Why has it had such a large impact on the younger generation?
2. In John 17:2-3 Jesus prays to His Father, "Just as you gave him authority over all people, so that he may give eternal life to all you gave him. Now this is eternal life, that they should know you, the only true God, and the one whom you sent, Jesus Christ." Reflect on this passage and then give your interpretation of what Jesus means by this statement.
3. In Mark 12:17 Jesus said to them, "Render to Caesar the things that are Caesars, and to God the things that are God's." How do you apply this statement Jesus made to your own personal life?
4. Jesus tells us, "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations." Do you think He is only talking to the clergy, or is He also talking to the laity? How can you go make disciples on a daily basis?
5. How bad do things need to get? Do you believe that now is the time for men to stand up and defend God and the Church? If so, how can you do your part? How can you get others to join you?

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Team Workout Plan - Watch the Kickoff, Game Plan and Red Zone video segments as a team. Break into huddles for discussion of the questions.

Postgame Recap - Watch the End Zone video segment as a team. Take note of the tips from the CTG team:

1. Ask the Holy Spirit to help you see Jesus as He is.
2. Pay attention to what the Church is saying about The New Evnagelization.
3. God's authority is evident in creation.

Complete your **Personal Action Item**. 

Scripture References

Matthew 28:18-20
Revelation 1:5-7
1 Corinthians 15:22-26

Philippians 2:5-11
John 17:2-3
Mark 12:17

Coaching Tips

- Put God back into the Equation - He is the creator of ALL that is good.
- Recognize the Authority of God - Ask the Holy Spirit for assistance.
- Become disciples of Jesus Christ - call others to embrace the message of Christ
- Seek to live as a Spiritual Light in the World

St. Augustine concluded, in his renowned treatise *Confessions*, that God either exists, in which case we are bound to seek Him out and serve Him, or He does not and therefore we are nothing. Since the second alternative is preposterous, it is ridiculous for us not to accept God as the Almighty, the creator of all, the love that formed each one of us, and through love ensured us life everlasting through his Son and the Holy Spirit. With such credentials we should respect and understand the Authority that Jesus Christ was given, when he was a man, and what he retains to this day - as God the Son. – *Randal Agostini, Satellite Beach, FL*

Catechism Connection

1899 The authority required by the moral order derives from God: “Let every person be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those that exist have been instituted by God. Therefore he who resists the authorities resists what God has appointed, and those who resist will incur judgment.”

2199 The fourth commandment is addressed expressly to children in their relationship to their father and mother, because this relationship is the most universal. It likewise concerns the ties of kinship between members of the extended family. It requires honor, affection, and gratitude toward elders and ancestors. Finally, it extends to the duties of pupils to teachers, employees to employers, subordinates to leaders, citizens to their country, and to those who administer or govern it.

See Also: **2, 1898, 2234, 2238**

Personal Action Item

Develop a plan of action based upon our prayer and discussion related to the topic. How does the Lord want this topic applied in your life? Keep it simple – one or two action items.

I commit to becoming spiritually fit by...