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An Examination of Authority
in the Gospel of Matthew



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- What does the Gospel of Matthew tell us about authority?
 1. Authority relates to law and/or Lawgiver (ἐξουσία [“authority”]
← ἔξεστι [“it is lawful”]; Matt 7:21–23; 21:23–27; cf. Phil 2:5–11).

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 2. God delegates authority to his agents (Matt 10:1–4; 16:18–19; 18:18; 20:25–28; cf. 23:2–4; Eph 2:19–20; Rom 13:1–8).

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- What does the Gospel of Matthew tell us about authority?
 3. The words of Christ and his apostles are authoritative (Matt 7:28–29; 19:3–9; 24:35; 28:18–20; cf. 4:1–11; 5:17–19; 22:29).

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 4. Promises of judgment or forgiveness are empty apart from authority (Matt 26:59–64; 9:1–8; cf. 15:21–28; 20:29–34).

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- What does the Gospel of Matthew tell us about authority?
 5. Authority demands obedience (Matt 7:24–27; 8:18–23; 28:18–20; cf. 7:13–14; 21–23; Luke 6:46). *Will you submit to Christ?*



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