

# A Man Under Authority

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1. A man under authority **forgives**.

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Mark 11:7-10 (ESV)

<sup>7</sup>And they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it, and he sat on it. <sup>8</sup>And many spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut from the fields. <sup>9</sup>And those who went before and those who followed were shouting, "**Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! <sup>10</sup>Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David! Hosanna in the highest!**"

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Luke 23:20-21 (ESV)

<sup>20</sup>Pilate addressed them once more, desiring to release Jesus, <sup>21</sup>but they kept shouting, "**Crucify, crucify him!**"

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2. A man under authority **trusts** God.

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Romans 13:1-2 (ESV)

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**. <sup>2</sup>Therefore whoever **resists the authorities resists what God has appointed**, and those who resist will incur **judgment**

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Matthew 26:39 (ESV)

<sup>39</sup>And going a little farther he fell on his face and prayed, saying, "My Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me; nevertheless, **not as I will, but as you will.**"

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Matthew 26:44 (ESV)

<sup>44</sup>So, leaving them again, he went away and prayed for the **third time**, saying the same words again.

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Luke 22:43-44 (ESV)

<sup>43</sup>And there appeared to him an **angel from heaven, strengthening him.**<sup>44</sup>And being in agony he prayed more earnestly; and **his sweat became like great drops of blood** falling down to the ground.<sup>[a]</sup>

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John 19:10-11 (ESV)

<sup>10</sup>So Pilate said to him, "You will not speak to me? Do you not know that **I have authority to release you and authority to crucify you?**" <sup>11</sup>Jesus answered him, "**You would have no authority over me at all unless it had been given you from above ...**"

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**Children** are under the authority and protection of their **parents** – Eph. 6:1, 2

**Wives** are under the authority and protection of their **husbands** – Eph. 5:22; 1 Cor. 11:3

**Employees** are under the authority of their **employers**. – Eph. 6:5

**Citizens** are under the authority of their **government**. – Rom. 13:1-7; 1 Pet. 2:13-18

**Christians** are under the authority of their **pastors**. 1 Thess. 5:12, 13; 1 Tim. 5:17

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Philippians 2:5-8 (ESV)

<sup>5</sup>Have this **mind** among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus,<sup>[a]</sup><sup>6</sup> who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped,<sup>[b]</sup> <sup>7</sup>but **emptied himself**, by taking the **form of a servant**,<sup>[c]</sup> being born in the likeness of men. <sup>8</sup>And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming **obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross**.

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Luke 7:9 (ESV)

<sup>9</sup>When Jesus heard these things, he **marveled** at him, and turning to the crowd that followed him, said, "I tell you, **not even in Israel have I found such faith.**"

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We are under authority. Do we fight our authorities and resist God and find conflict? Do we do God's way or our way?

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3. A person under authority receives favor from God.

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### **What to do this week?**

1. Each day pray for your authorities.
2. Each day pray for faith to be a person under authority.
3. Praise God