

Theme: CHRIST’ S AUTHORITY DEMONSTRATED

Memory Verse: *Matthew 21:19* “*And when he saw a fig tree in the way, he came to it, and found nothing thereon, but leaves only, and said unto it, Let no fruit grow on thee henceforward for ever. And presently the fig tree withered away*”.

Texts: Mathew 8:23-26; Mark 1:23-26; Luke 5:4-7

Our text displays not just the divine judgment against the fruitless fig tree but a demonstration of the authority of Jesus Christ over all natural and supernatural elements. What is authority? A dictionary defines authority as “legal power or right; power derived from office of character of prestige”. Authority is rightfully or legal power demonstrated. Jesus made use of this legal power over the fruitless fig tree by a simple pronouncement “Let no fruit grow on thee henceforth for ever”. Jesus demonstration of authority was and is potent because it is consistent with the counsel of God. “For ever, oh Lord thy word is settled in heaven”, it was made in faith “But let him ask in faith, nothing wavering...” (James 1:6). Jesus has power over all elements whether physical or physiological, natural or supernatural, social of material, neither human nor spiritual.

At the instance of the words of Jesus, heavens stand at attention and none can oppose-death flees, sicknesses disappear, demons bow out, the tempest is stilled, sorrow turns to joy, needs are met, affliction is broken and lives are transformed. “The winds and waves obey Him; by Him the birds are fed.

Jesus spoke concerning the fig tree and instantaneously the fig tree withered away. It should be noted that Jesus words produce immediate results-whether it is healing, raising of the dead, multiplication of bread and fish, blasting of the fig tree, bringing money out of the fish, catching a draught of fishes, stilling the tempest of exorcising the demons out of the possessed. All these attest to His Deity and enhance our belief in Him, that “in believing, we might have eternal life through His name” (John 20:30-31).

DAILY BIBLE READING		
	MORNING	EVENING.
MON.	Num. 18	Gal. 1
TUS.	Num. 19	Gal. 2
WED.	Num. 20	Gal. 3.
THUR.	Num. 21	Gal. 4
FRI.	Num. 22	Gal. 6
SAT.	Num. 23	Eph. 1
SUN.	Num. 24	Eph.. 2