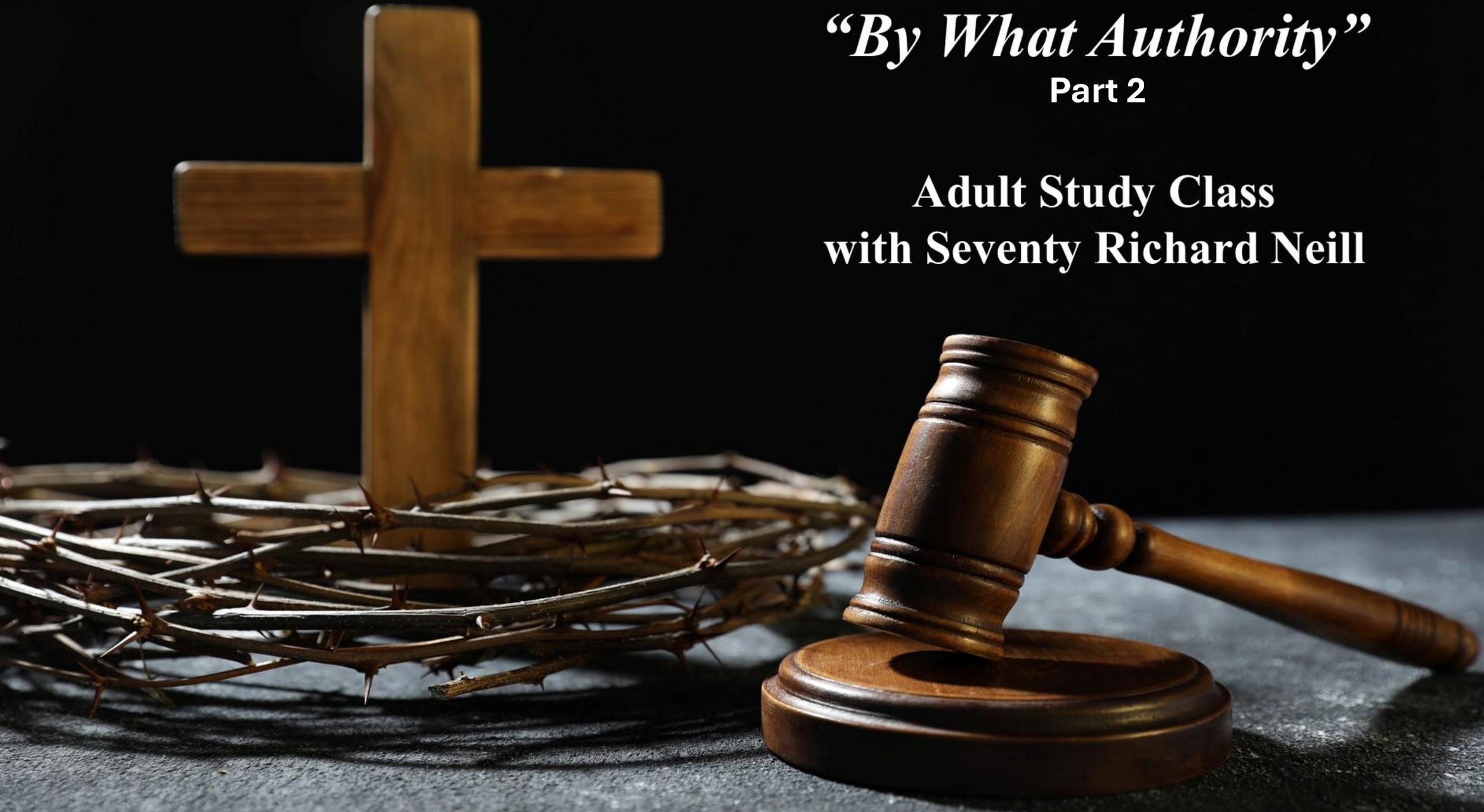


“By What Authority”

Part 2

**Adult Study Class
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Matthew 28:17

And Jesus came and spake unto them (the eleven disciples), saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and on earth.

In the King James and Tyndale versions of the Bible, Jesus is presented by the angel as the Savior (**Luke 2:11**). He is given all power in heaven and on earth.

But scholars agree that the first mention of Jesus in the Bible (except the Inspired Version) is in **Genesis 3:15**, an indirect reference to a woman with offspring.

While searching for references to Jesus, I came upon this note from the Wayfinding Bible. The explanation refers to **John 1:1**. The Apostle John would have written this after the death and resurrection of Jesus.

There are also references to catching glimpses, such as **John 3:15** and a descendant of Abraham (**Genesis 12:2**), who will be a great blessing.

At no time is Jesus or Yeshua (Hebrew name for Jesus) referred to by name or specific designation in Genesis.

Compare this to the Inspired Version of the Bible.

Genesis 1:1-2

1 And it came to pass, that the Lord spake unto Moses, saying, Behold, I reveal unto you concerning this heaven and this earth; write the words which I speak.

2 I am the Beginning and the End; the Almighty God.

By mine Only Begotten I created these things.

We all believe that Jesus is the Savior and King. If Jesus has ‘*all power and authority*’, would He not be introduced in Genesis from the very beginning in the act of Creation? Did Moses forget to include Jesus?

The Celestial Battle (Genesis 3:1-5)

*1 And I, the Lord, spake unto Moses, saying, That Satan whom thou hast commanded in the name of mine Only Begotten (**D&C 22**), is the same which was from the beginning.*

2 And he came before me, saying, Behold I, send me, I will be thy Son and I will redeem all mankind, that one shall not be lost, and surely I will do it; wherefore, give me thine honor.

The Celestial Battle (Genesis 3:1-5) continued

3 But behold, my beloved Son, which was my beloved and chosen from the beginning, said unto me; Gather, thy will be done, and the glory be thine forever.

4 Wherefore, because that Satan rebelled against me, and sought to destroy the agency of man, which I, the Lord God, had given him; and also that I should give unto him mine own power; by the power of mine Only Begotten I caused that he should be cast down; and he became Satan.

5 Yea, even the devil, the father of all lies, to deceive, and to blind men, and to lead them captive at his will, even as many as would not hearken unto my voice.

The Authority Given Man in Agency

- The battle that was fought at the cross began when Jesus and Satan came before God with their plans. This is recorded in the Inspired Version, Genesis 2.
- God gave us our agency in the Garden of Eden. He gave man dominion and authority over the earth. He desires for us to follow Him.
- We recognize God's authority through responding in repentance, obedience, sacrifice, and love.