



**JESUS** is:  
THE ULTIMATE  
*Authority*

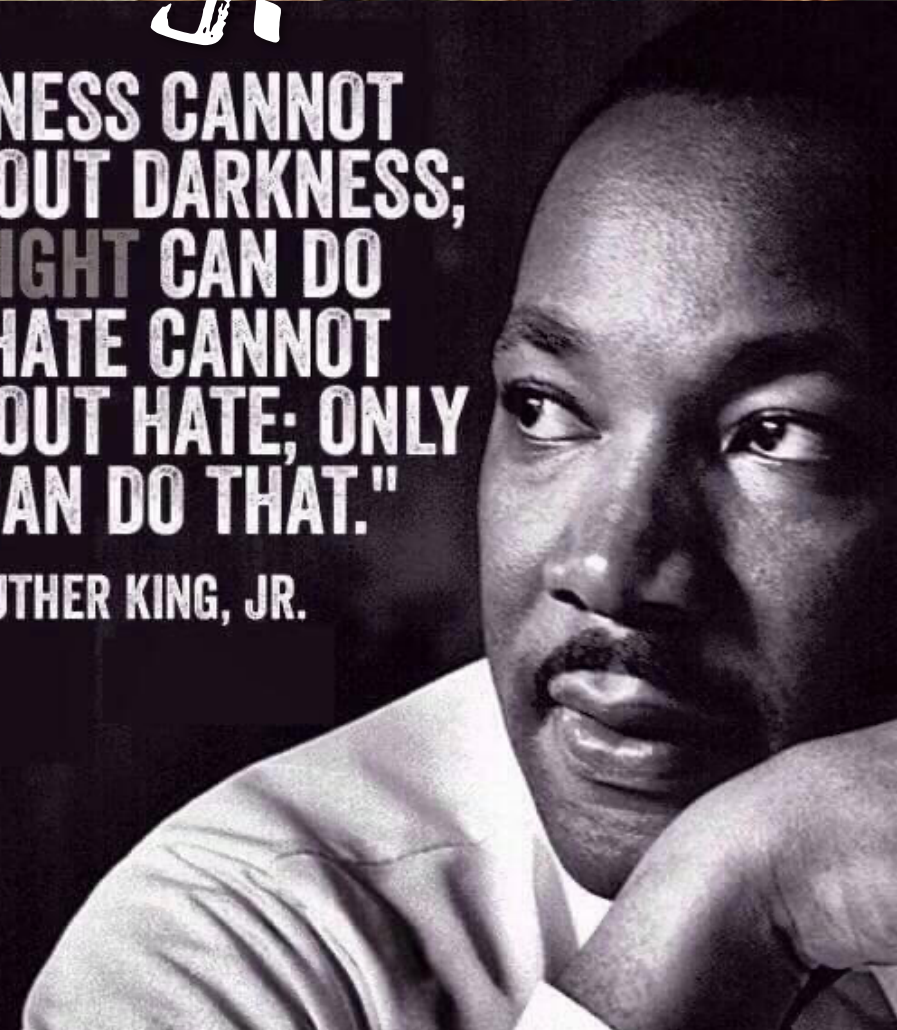


# HATE YOUR *Enemy?*



"DARKNESS CANNOT  
DRIVE OUT DARKNESS;  
ONLY LIGHT CAN DO  
THAT. HATE CANNOT  
DRIVE OUT HATE; ONLY  
LOVE CAN DO THAT."

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.



**WAS THERE AN OLD TESTAMENT LAW COMMANDING US TO HATE OUR ENEMY?**



# Exclusion

## Feeling Left Out?



**IF THE CENTURION  
WAS WELL-  
RESPECTED, WHY  
DID HE FEEL  
“UNWORTHY” OR  
EXCLUDED FROM  
COMMUNITY IN  
CAPERNAUM?**



# UNDER Authority

## Ancient Roman Military Hierarchy

Senior Officers

Imperial Legate

Legion Legate

Broad Band Tribune

Camp Perfect

Narrow Band Tribunes

Centurions

Lower Ranks

Optio

Tesserarius

Decurio

Decanus

“For I too am a man under authority, with soldiers under me. I say to one, ‘Go,’ and he goes, and to another, ‘Come,’ and he comes, and to my servant, ‘Do this,’ and he does it.”

- Roman Centurion -

And Jesus came and said to them,

**ALL AUTHORITY IN HEAVEN  
AND ON EARTH HAS BEEN  
GIVEN TO ME.**

Matthew  
28:18



# Kenosis

“Though he was God, he did not think of equality with God as something to cling to. Instead, he gave up his divine privileges; he took the humble position of a slave and was born as a human being.”

- **Philippians 2:6-7**-

**kenosis** – [*emptying*] – At the incarnation, Jesus surrendered the independent use of His divine attributes to His Father.

**WHY DID JESUS “EMPTY” HIMSELF AND  
SUBMIT HIS WILL TO HIS FATHER’S?**







# *Astonished* BY FAITH

When Jesus heard this, he was **astonished**. Turning to those following him, he said, “I tell you the truth, **I haven’t seen faith like this in all Israel!**”

**WHY WAS THIS AN ABSOLUTELY SHOCKING STATEMENT?**



# WHAT WILL YOU DO WITH Jesus?

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IS FOUND IN NO ONE ELSE

THERE IS NO OTHER NAME UNDER HEAVEN  
GIVEN TO MEN, BY WHICH WE MUST

**BE SAVED**

ACTS 4:12

“And I tell you this, that **many Gentiles** will come from all over the world—from east and west—and sit down with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob at the feast *in the Kingdom of Heaven*.

But **many Israelites** - those for whom the Kingdom was prepared - will be thrown *into outer darkness*, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.”