

# Following the Master

## Trusting Jesus

### I. Introduction

- A. The Hebrew word for "authority" - -  "shmeha"  (schmee-khah).
- B. Matt. 5:38-39 (NAS) <sup>38</sup>"You have heard that it was said, 'AN EYE FOR AN EYE, AND A TOOTH FOR A TOOTH.' <sup>39</sup>But I say to you, do not resist an evil person; but whoever slaps you on your right cheek, turn the other to him also."
- C. Matt. 5:43-44 (NAS) <sup>43</sup>"You have heard that it was said, 'YOU SHALL LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR and hate your enemy.' <sup>44</sup>But I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you."
- D. Matt. 7:28-29 (NLT) <sup>28</sup>When Jesus had finished saying these things, the crowds were amazed at his teaching, <sup>29</sup>for he taught with real authority—quite unlike their teachers of religious law.
- E. Mark 1:27 (NLT) Amazement gripped the audience, and they began to discuss what had happened. "What sort of new teaching is this?" they asked excitedly. "It has such authority! Even evil spirits obey his orders!"
- F. Luke 20:1-4 (NLT) <sup>1</sup>One day as Jesus was teaching the people and preaching the Good News in the Temple, the leading priests, the teachers of religious law, and the elders came up to him. <sup>2</sup>They demanded, "By what authority are you doing all these things? Who gave you the right?" <sup>3</sup>"Let me ask you a question first," he replied. <sup>4</sup>"Did John's authority to baptize come from heaven, or was it merely human?"
- G. John 1:29 (NLT) The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, "Look! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!"
- H. Matt. 3:16-17 (NLT) <sup>16</sup>After his baptism, as Jesus came up out of the water, the heavens were opened and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and settling on him. <sup>17</sup>And a voice from heaven said, "This is my dearly loved Son, who brings me great joy."
- I. Matt. 17:5 (NLT) But even as he spoke, a bright cloud came over them, and a voice from the cloud said, "This is my dearly loved Son, who brings me great joy. Listen to him."
- J. John 7:14-15 (NLT) <sup>14</sup>Then, midway through the festival, Jesus went up to the Temple and began to teach. <sup>15</sup>The people were surprised when they heard him. "How does he know so much when he hasn't been trained?" they asked.
- K. Matt. 26:73 (NLT) A little later some of the other bystanders came over to Peter and said, "You must be one of them; we can tell by your Galilean accent."
- L. Mark 11:18 (NLT) When the leading priests and teachers of religious law heard what Jesus had done, they began planning how to kill him. But they were afraid of him because the people were so amazed at his teaching.
- M. Matt. 11:28-30 (NAS) <sup>28</sup>"Come to Me, all who are weary and heavy-laden, and I will give you rest. <sup>29</sup>Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and YOU WILL FIND REST FOR YOUR SOULS. <sup>30</sup>For My yoke is easy and My burden is light."

### II. Conclusion