

**Read the Bible in A Year: Chronological**  
**Readings for September Oct 18-24, 2020**

**Selections from Matthew 19-21,26; Mark 10-11, 14; Luke 13-14, 17-20; John 10-12**

The Gospels (Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John) tell the story of Jesus' birth, life, ministry, death, resurrection, and ascension. While they are all written semi-chronologically, large portions of each gospel are arranged thematically. So, the exact order in which certain stories or teachings occur in the gospels may not match. Also, depending on the emphasis of the writer of the gospel, certain accounts may be included in one or more gospels, but not in all. As we continue our way through the gospels, we will read the various accounts in as close to a chronological order as possible and will read similar accounts from the different gospels together.

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**The Parable of the Shepherd**

**John 10:1-6** Jesus said, "Truly, truly I say to you, he who does not enter by the door into the sheepfold, but climbs up some other way, is a thief and a robber. But he who enters by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. To him the doorkeeper opens, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name, and he leads them out. When he brings out his own sheep, he goes before them. And the sheep follow him, for they know his voice. Yet they will never follow a stranger, but will run away from him. For they do not know the voice of strangers." Jesus told them this parable, but they did not understand what He was telling them.

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**Jesus the Good Shepherd**

**John 10:7-21** Then Jesus said to them again, "Truly, truly I say to you, I am the door of the sheep. All who came before Me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the door. If anyone enters through Me, he will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture. The thief does not come, except to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly. I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down His life for the sheep. But he who is a hired hand, and not a shepherd, who does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming, and leaves the sheep, and runs away. So the wolf catches the sheep and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because he is a hired hand and does not care about the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know My sheep and am known by My own. Even as the Father knows Me, so I know the Father. And I lay down My life for the sheep. I have other sheep who are not of this fold. I must also bring them, and they will hear My voice. There will be one flock and one shepherd. Therefore My Father loves Me, because I lay down My life that I may take it up again. No one takes it from Me, but I lay it down Myself. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I received this command from My Father."

Therefore there was a division again among the Jews because of these sayings. Many of them said, "He has a demon and is insane. Why do you listen to Him?" Others said,

“These are not the words of one who has a demon. Can a demon open the eyes of the blind?”

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### Jesus Rejected by the Jews

**Luke 7:22-42** The Feast of the Dedication was at Jerusalem, and it was winter. Jesus walked in the temple in Solomon’s Porch. Then the Jews surrounded Him, saying, “How long will You keep us in suspense? If You are the Christ, tell us plainly.” Jesus answered them, “I told you, and you did not believe. The works that I do in My Father’s name bear witness of Me. But you do not believe, because you are not of My sheep, as I said to you. My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me. I give them eternal life. They shall never perish, nor shall anyone snatch them from My hand. My Father, who has given them to Me, is greater than all. No one is able to snatch them from My Father’s hand. My Father and I are one.”

Again the Jews took up stones to stone Him. Jesus answered them, “I have shown you many good works from My Father. For which of those works do you stone Me?” The Jews answered Him, “We are not stoning You for a good work, but for blasphemy, and because You, being a Man, claim to be God.”

Jesus answered them, “Is it not written in your law, ‘I said, “You are gods”’? If He called them ‘gods,’ to whom the word of God came, and the Scripture cannot be broken, do you say of Him, whom the Father has sanctified and sent into the world, ‘You blaspheme,’ because I said, ‘I am the Son of God’? If I am not doing the works of My Father, do not believe Me. But if I do them, though you do not believe Me, believe the works, that you may know and believe that the Father is in Me, and I in Him.” Again they tried to seize Him, but He escaped from their hands.

Then He went away again beyond the Jordan into the place where John was baptizing at first, and He remained there. Many came to Him and said, “John did no sign. But everything that John said about this Man was true.” And many believed in Him there.

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### The Narrow Gate

**Luke 13:22-30** Then He went through the cities and villages, teaching, and journeying toward Jerusalem. Someone said to Him, “Lord, will those who are saved be few?” He said to them, “Strive to enter through the narrow gate. For many, I tell you, will try to enter and will not be able. Once the Master of the house has risen up and shut the door, and you begin to stand outside and knock at the door, saying, ‘Lord, Lord, open for us,’ He will answer you, ‘I do not know where you come from.’ Then you will begin to say, ‘We ate and drank in your presence, and you taught in our streets.’ But He will say, ‘I tell you, I do not know you, or where you come from. Depart from Me, all you workers of iniquity.’ There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth when you see Abraham, and Isaac, and Jacob, and all the prophets in the kingdom of God, and you yourselves thrust out. They will come from the east and from the west and from the north and from the south and will sit down to dine in the kingdom of God. Listen, there are the last who will be first, and the first who will be last.”

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### The Lament Over Jerusalem

**Luke 13:31-36** On the same day certain Pharisees came, saying to Him, “Get out and depart from here, for Herod wants to kill You.” He said to them, “Go and tell that fox, ‘Look, I cast out demons. And I perform healings today and tomorrow, and on the third day I shall be perfected.’ Nevertheless I must travel today and tomorrow and the day following. For it cannot be that a prophet should perish outside Jerusalem. O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, which kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to you! How often would I have gathered your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, and you were not willing! Look, your house is forsaken. Truly I say to you, you shall not see Me until the time comes when you say, ‘Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.’”

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### The Healing of the Man with Edema

**Luke 14:1-6** On the Sabbath they watched Him as He went into the house of one of the leaders of the Pharisees to eat bread. There before Him was a man who had edema. Jesus said to the lawyers and Pharisees, “Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath?” But they remained silent. So He took him and healed him, and let him go. Then He said, “Which of you having a donkey or an ox that has fallen into a pit will not immediately pull him out on the Sabbath day?” And they could not answer Him regarding these things.

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### A Lesson to Guests and a Host

**Luke 14:7-14** When He marked how they chose the seats of honor, He told a parable to those who were invited, saying to them, “When you are invited by any man to a wedding banquet, do not sit down in a seat of honor, lest a more honorable man than you be invited by him; and he who invited you both will come and say to you, ‘Give this man the seat,’ and then you will begin with shame to take the lowest seat. But when you are invited, go and sit down in the lowest seat, so that when he who invited you comes, he may say to you, ‘Friend, go up higher.’ Then you will have respect in the presence of those who sit at dinner with you. For whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted.” Then He said also to the one who invited Him, “When you prepare a dinner or a supper, do not call your friends or your brothers or your kinsmen or your rich neighbors, lest they also invite you in return, and you be repaid. But when you prepare a banquet, call the poor, the maimed, the lame, the blind, and you will be blessed, for they cannot repay you. You shall be repaid at the resurrection of the just.”

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### The Parable of the Great Banquet

**Luke 14:15-24** When one of those who sat at dinner with Him heard this, he said to Him, “Blessed is he who shall eat bread in the kingdom of God!” Then He said to him, “A man prepared a

banquet and invited many, and sent his servant at supper time to say to those who had been invited, 'Come, for everything is now prepared.' But they all with one mind began to make excuses. The first said to him, 'I have bought a piece of land, and I must go and see it. I ask you to excuse me.' Another said, 'I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I am going to prove them. I ask you to excuse me.' Still another said, 'I have married a wife, and therefore I cannot come.' The servant came and reported this to his master. Then the master of the house in anger said to his servant, 'Go out quickly into the streets and lanes of the city and bring in here the poor and the maimed and the lame and the blind.' The servant said, 'Master, what you commanded has been done, and yet there is room.' Then the master said to the servant, 'Go out to the highways and hedges, and compel them to come in, so that my house may be filled. For I tell you, none of those men who were invited shall taste my supper.'"

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### The Cost of Discipleship

**Luke 14:25-33** Large crowds went with Him. And He turned and said to them, "If anyone comes to Me and does not hate his father and mother and wife and children and brothers and sisters, yes, and even his own life, he cannot be My disciple. And whoever does not bear his cross and follow Me cannot be My disciple. For who among you, intending to build a tower, does not sit down first and count the cost to see whether he has resources to complete it? Otherwise, perhaps, after he has laid the foundation and is not able to complete it, all who see it will begin to mock him, saying, 'This man began to build and was not able to complete it.' Or what king, going to wage war against another king, does not sit down first and take counsel whether he is able with ten thousand to meet him who comes against him with twenty thousand? Otherwise, while the other is yet at a distance, he sends a delegation and requests conditions of peace. So likewise, any of you who does not forsake all that he has cannot be My disciple."

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### Tasteless Salt

**Luke 14:34-35** "Salt is good. But if the salt has lost its saltiness, how shall it be made salty? It is fit neither for the land nor for the manure pile. So men throw it out. "He who has ears to hear, let him hear."

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### The Parable of the Lost Sheep

**Luke 15: 1-7** Now all the tax collectors and sinners drew near to Him to hear Him. But the Pharisees and scribes murmured, saying, "This Man receives sinners and eats with them." So He told them this parable, saying, "What man among you having a hundred sheep and losing one of them does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one which is lost until he finds it? And when he has found it, he places it on his shoulders, rejoicing. Then when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep which was lost.' Likewise, I tell

you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous men who need no repentance.

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### **The Parable of the Lost Coin**

**Luke 15:8-10** “Or what woman, having ten silver coins and losing one, does not light a candle and sweep the house and search diligently until she finds it? And when she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin which I had lost.’ Likewise, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.”

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### **The Parable of the Prodigal Son**

**Luke 15:11-32** Then He said, “A man had two sons. The younger of them said to his father, ‘Father, give me the share of the property that falls to me.’ So he divided his estate between them. Not many days later, the younger son gathered everything together, and journeyed to a distant country, and there squandered his possessions in prodigal living. When he had spent everything, there came a severe famine in that country, and he began to be in want. So he went and hired himself to a citizen of that county, who sent him into his fields to feed swine. He would gladly have filled his stomach with the husks that the swine were eating, but no one gave him any. When he came to himself, he said, ‘How many of my father’s hired servants have an abundance of bread, and here I am perishing with hunger! I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him, “Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Make me like one of your hired servants.”’ So he arose and came to his father. But while he was yet far away, his father saw him and was moved with compassion, and ran and embraced his neck and kissed him. The son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.’ But the father said to his servants, ‘Bring out the best robe and put it on him. And put a ring on his hand and shoes on his feet. Bring here the fattened calf and kill it, and let us eat and be merry. For this son of mine was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found.’ So they began to be merry. Now his older son was in the field. As he came and drew near the house, he heard music and dancing. So he called one of the servants and asked what this meant. He said to him, ‘Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fattened calf, because he has received him safe and sound.’ He was angry and would not go in. Therefore his father came out and entreated him. But he answered his father, ‘Look! These many years have I served you. Nor have I ever transgressed your commands, yet never have you given me a goat, so that I might be merry with my friends. But when this son of yours came, who has devoured your living with harlots, you killed the fattened calf for him.’ He said to him, ‘Son, you are always with me, and all that I have is yours. But it was fitting to be merry and be glad, for this brother of yours was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.’”

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### The Parable of the Dishonest Steward

**Luke 16:1-13** He told His disciples: “There was a rich man who had a steward who was accused to the man of wasting his resources. So he called him and said, ‘How is it that I hear this about you? Give an account of your stewardship, for you may no longer be steward.’ Then the steward said to himself, ‘What shall I do, for my master is taking away the stewardship from me? I cannot dig. I am ashamed to beg. I know what to do so that, when I am removed from the stewardship, others may receive me into their houses.’ So he called each of his master’s debtors, and said to the first, ‘How much do you owe my master?’ He said, ‘Eight hundred gallons of oil.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill, and sit down quickly and write four hundred.’ Then he said to another, ‘And how much do you owe?’ He said, ‘One thousand bushels of wheat.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill, and write eight hundred.’ The master commended the dishonest steward, because he had acted prudently. For the sons of this world are wiser in their own generation than the sons of light.

I say to you, make friends for yourself by means of unrighteous wealth, so that when you fall short, they may receive you into eternal dwellings. He who is faithful in what is least is faithful also in much. And he who is dishonest in the least is dishonest also in much. So if you have not been faithful in the unrighteous wealth, who will commit to your trust the true riches? And if you have not been faithful in that which is another man’s, who will give you that which is your own? No servant can serve two masters. Either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be loyal to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth.”

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### The Law and the Kingdom of God

**Luke 16:14-18** The Pharisees, who were lovers of money, heard all these things and derided Him. He said to them, “You are those who justify yourselves before men, but God knows your hearts. For that which is highly esteemed before men is an abomination before God. The Law and the Prophets were preached until John. Since then the kingdom of God has been preached, and everyone is pressing into it. It is easier for heaven and earth to pass away than for one stroke of the law to fail. Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery, and whoever marries her who is divorced by her husband commits adultery.

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### The Rich Man and Lazarus

**Luke 16:19-31** “There was a rich man who was clothed in purple and fine linen and fared sumptuously every day. There was also a beggar named Lazarus, covered with sores, who had been placed at his gate, desiring to be fed the crumbs falling from the rich man’s table. Moreover the dogs came and licked his sores. It came to pass that the beggar died and was carried by the angels to Abraham’s presence. The rich man also died and was buried. In Hades, being in torment, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham from a distance and Lazarus in his presence. So he cried out, ‘Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue. For I am

tormented in this flame.’ But Abraham said, ‘Son, remember that you in your lifetime received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things. But now he is comforted and you are tormented. And besides all this, between us and you there is a great gulf, so that those who would pass from here to you cannot, nor can those from there pass to us.’ He said, ‘Then I pray you, father, to send him to my father’s house, for I have five brothers, to testify to them, lest they also come to this place of torment.’ Abraham said to him, ‘They have Moses and the Prophets. Let them hear them.’ He said, ‘No, father Abraham. But if someone from the dead goes to them, they will repent.’ He said to him, ‘If they do not hear Moses and the Prophets, neither will they be persuaded if someone should rise from the dead.’”

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### Some Sayings of Jesus

**Luke 17:1-10** Then He said to the disciples, “It is impossible except that offenses will come. But woe to him through whom they come! It would be better for him if a millstone were hung around his neck and he was thrown into the sea, than to offend one of these little ones. Take heed to yourselves. “If your brother sins against you, rebuke him. And if he repents, forgive him. If he sins against you seven times in a day, and seven times in a day turns to you, saying, ‘I repent,’ you must forgive him.” The apostles said to the Lord, “Increase our faith.” The Lord said, “If you had faith as a grain of mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, ‘Be uprooted and be planted in the sea,’ and it would obey you. Which of you, having a servant plowing or herding sheep, will say to him when he has come in from the field, ‘Come now and sit down for dinner’? Will he not rather say to him, ‘Prepare my supper, and dress yourself and serve me until I eat and drink. And afterward you will eat and drink’? Does he thank the servant because he did what was commanded? I think not. So you also, when you have done everything commanded you, say, ‘We are unprofitable servants. We have done our duty.’”

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### The Unbelief of the Jews

**John 12:37-43** Though He had done so many signs before them, yet they did not believe in Him. This fulfilled the word spoken by Isaiah the prophet: “Lord, who has believed our report, and to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed?” Therefore they could not believe. For Isaiah said again: “He has blinded their eyes and hardened their hearts, lest they should see with their eyes and perceive with their hearts and turn, and I would heal them.” Isaiah said this when he saw His glory and spoke of Him. Yet many of the rulers also believed in Him. But because of the Pharisees they did not confess Him, lest they be put out of the synagogue. For they loved the praise of men more than the praise of God.

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### Judgment by Jesus' Word

**John 12:44-50** Jesus cried out, "He who believes in Me believes not only in Me, but in Him who sent Me. He who sees Me sees Him who sent Me. I have come as a light into the world, that whoever believes in Me should not remain in darkness. "If anyone hears My words and does not believe, I do not judge him. For I did not come to judge the world, but to save the world. He who rejects Me, and does not receive My words, has that which judges him. The word I have spoken will judge him on the last day. For I have not spoken on My own authority, but the Father who sent Me gave Me a command, what I should say and what I should speak. I know that His command is eternal life. Therefore what I say, I say as the Father tells me."

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### The Cursing of the Fig Tree

**Mark 11:12-14** On the next day when they had returned from Bethany, He was hungry. Seeing from afar a fig tree with leaves, He went to see if perhaps He might find anything on it. When He came to it, He found nothing except leaves, for it was not the season for figs. Jesus said to it, "May no one ever eat fruit from you again." And His disciples heard it.

**Matt 21:18-22** Now in the morning as He returned to the city, He became hungry. When He saw a fig tree by the road, He went to it but found nothing on it except leaves. He said to it, "Let no fruit ever grow on you again." Immediately the fig tree withered away. When the disciples saw it, they were amazed, saying, "How did the fig tree wither away instantly?" Jesus answered them, "Truly I say to you, if you have faith and do not doubt, you will not only do what was done to the fig tree, but also, if you say to this mountain, 'Be removed, and be thrown into the sea,' it will be done. And whatever you ask in prayer, if you believe, you will receive."

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### The Cleansing of the Temple

**Mark 11:15-19** And they came to Jerusalem. Jesus went into the temple and began to drive out those who sold and bought in the temple, and He overturned the tables of the moneychangers and the seats of those who sold doves. And He would not allow anyone to carry any vessel through the temple. And He taught them, and said, "Is it not written, 'My house shall be called a house of prayer for all nations'? But you have made it a 'den of thieves.'" The scribes and chief priests heard it and looked for a way to kill Him. For they feared Him, because all the people were astonished at His teaching. When evening came, He went out of the city.

**Matt 21:12-17** Jesus went into the temple of God and drove out all those who sold and bought in the temple and overturned the tables of the moneychangers and the seats of those who sold doves. He said to them, "It is written, 'My house shall be called a house of prayer,' but you have made it 'a den of thieves.'" The blind and the lame came to Him in the

temple, and He healed them. But when the chief priests and scribes saw the wonderful things that He did, and the children crying out in the temple, “Hosanna to the Son of David,” they were extremely displeased and said to Him, “Do You hear what these are saying?” Jesus said to them, “Yes. Have you never read, ‘Out of the mouth of children and infants You have perfected praise?’” And He left them and went out of the city into Bethany, and He lodged there.

**Luke 19:45-48** Then He entered the temple and began to drive out those who sold and bought in it, saying to them, “It is written, ‘My house will be a house of prayer,’ but you have made it ‘a den of thieves.’” He taught daily in the temple. But the chief priests, the scribes, and the leaders of the people tried to kill Him. Yet they could not find a way to do it, for all the people were very attentive to hear Him.

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### The Lesson from the Fig Tree

**Mark 11:20-26** In the morning, as they passed by, they saw the fig tree withered from the roots. Peter, calling to remembrance, said to Him, “Rabbi, look! The fig tree which You cursed has withered away.” Jesus answered them, “Have faith in God. For truly I say to you, whoever says to this mountain, ‘Be removed and be thrown into the sea,’ and does not doubt in his heart, but believes that what he says will come to pass, he will have whatever he says. Therefore, I say to you, whatever things you ask when you pray, believe that you will receive them, and you will have them. And when you stand praying, forgive if you have anything against anyone, so that your Father who is in heaven may also forgive you your sins. But if you do not forgive, neither will your Father who is in heaven forgive your sins.”

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### The Question of Jesus’ Authority

**Mark 11:27-33** They came again to Jerusalem, and as He was walking in the temple, the chief priests and the scribes and the elders came to Him, and said, “By what authority are You doing these things, and who gave You this authority to do them?” Jesus answered them, “I will also ask of you one question. Answer Me, and I will tell you by what authority I do these things. Was the baptism of John from heaven or from men? Answer Me.” They debated among themselves, saying, “If we say, ‘From heaven,’ He will say, ‘Why then did you not believe him?’ But if we say, ‘From men’”—they feared the people, for everyone held John to be a real prophet. So they answered Jesus, “We do not know.” Jesus answered them, “Neither will I tell you by what authority I do these things.”

**Matt 21:23-27** When He entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came up to Him as He was teaching, and said, “By what authority are You doing these things? And who gave You this authority?” Jesus answered them, “I also will ask you one question. If you tell Me, I likewise will tell you by what authority I do these things. Where did the baptism of John come from? From heaven or from men?” They reasoned among themselves, saying, “If we say, ‘From heaven,’ He will say to us, ‘Then why did you not

believe him?' But if we say, 'From men,' we are afraid of the people, for all hold John as a prophet." So they answered Jesus, "We do not know." Then He said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I do these things.

**Luke 20:1-8** One day, as He taught the people in the temple and preached the gospel, the chief priests and the scribes with the elders came up to Him, and said to Him, "Tell us, by what authority are You doing these things? Who is he who gave You this authority?" He answered them, "I will also ask you one thing. Answer Me: Was the baptism of John from heaven or from men?" They debated with themselves, saying, "If we say, 'From heaven,' He will say, 'Why then did you not believe him?' But if we say, 'From men,' all the people will stone us, for they are persuaded that John was a prophet." So they answered that they did not know where it was from. Jesus said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I do these things."