

Underfoot 2 - Jesus Defeated The Devil

Introduction: What Did Jesus Finish—and What's Left for Us?

The central question is: Did Jesus completely finish His work, or is there more for us to do? The prophecies about the Messiah include both suffering and victorious rulership — often misunderstood due to timing gaps (Psalm 8; Hebrews 2). Without understanding the “in-between” period, Christians risk living different to God’s desire and intention for us.

Point 1: Jesus Defeated the Devil’s Authority (Hebrews 2:14–15; 1 John 3:8)

- Jesus came to **destroy the devil**, who held the power of death.
- His **victory includes**:
 - Refusing temptation in the wilderness (Luke 4:5–8).
 - Demonstrating God’s kingdom through healing and deliverance (Matthew 12:22–29; Acts 10:38).
 - Binding the “strong man” and breaking demonic control (Matthew 12:29).
 - Dying on the cross to legally **disarm** Satan (Colossians 2:13–15).

Point 2: Jesus Delegated Authority to His Church (Eph 1:20–23; Mat 28:18–20)

- Jesus is now **seated in victory**, and believers are **seated with Him** (Ephesians 2:6).
- The Church is called to extend His kingdom through the **Great Commission**.
- Psalm 110: Jesus waits while His people make His enemies His footstool.

Point 3: How We Often Get It Wrong

- **Mistake 1**: Doubting ourselves — believing Satan’s accusations instead of God’s truth (2 Corinthians 5:21).
- **Mistake 2**: Fighting people instead of spiritual forces (Ephesians 6:12); we must preach the **gospel of peace**.
- **Mistake 3**: Acting alone — God designed us to operate as part of **the Church**, not in isolation.

Conclusion & Life Applications

- Believe we are **righteous and empowered** in Christ.
- **Resist the devil**, and he will flee (James 4:7).
- Preach and demonstrate the **good news** that people can be free from fear, and forgiven and healed.

Questions

1. Why do you think people (including us) sometimes still live in fear or defeat, even though Jesus has won the victory?
2. What lies or accusations from the enemy do people often believe—and how can we replace them with truth?
3. What is one practical way we can live out Jesus’ authority in our everyday lives this week?