

The Power Paradox of Jesus

**The Power of the Cross
For Us Today**

Revealed Power of Jesus

Jesus Calms The Storm

Luke 8:22-25

Jesus Confirms His Power

Matthew 11:2-6

Twelve Legions of Angels at His Command

Matthew 26:47-53

Revealed Power of Jesus

Matthew 26:53

Do you think that I cannot appeal to my Father, and he will at once send me more than twelve legions of angels?

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Revealed Power of Jesus

Power Over Creation

John 1:1-3

¹ In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ² He was in the beginning with God. ³ All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made.

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Jesus' Suffering & Humility

Suffering Of Jesus Foretold

Isaiah 53:2-10a

Jesus Became "Poor"

2 Corinthians 8:9

For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was rich, yet for your sakes He became poor, that you through His poverty might become rich.

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Jesus' Suffering & Humility

Gentle and Lowly in Spirit

Matthew 11:28-30

“²⁸Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. ²⁹Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰For My yoke is easy and My burden is light.” NKJV

Jesus' Suffering & Humility

Jesus' Example of Humility

Philippians 2:7-8

⁷ but [Jesus] made himself nothing, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. ⁸ And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.

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Jesus' Suffering & Humility

Humiliation and Crucifixion of Jesus
Mark 15:16-39 (NKJV Reading)

See also other Gospel accounts

Christ's Victory

All Authority Given to Christ

Matthew 28:18

And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.” *ESV*

Jesus Highly Exalted

Philippians 2:8-11

Christ's Victory

Christ Made Perfect Through Suffering

Hebrews 2:9-10

⁹ But we see him who for a little while was made lower than the angels, namely Jesus, crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone.

Christ's Victory

¹⁰ For it was fitting that he, for whom and by whom all things exist, in bringing many sons to glory, should make the founder of their salvation perfect through suffering. ESV

Jesus Made Lord and Christ
Acts 2:22-36 (ESV Reading)

Jesus' Example: Our Victory

Our Victory In Christ Foretold

Isaiah 53:10-12

Jesus, Founder of Our Salvation

Hebrews 2:10

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Jesus' Example: Our Victory

Foolishness of the Cross the Power to Save

1 Corinthians 1:17-18

¹⁷ For Christ did not send me to baptize but to preach the gospel, and not with words of eloquent wisdom, lest the cross of Christ be emptied of its power.

¹⁸ For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. ESV

Jesus' Example: Our Victory

Share in His Sufferings, Share in His Glory

Romans 8:17-19

¹⁷ and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with Him in order that we may also be glorified with Him.

¹⁸ For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us.

Jesus' Example: Our Victory

¹⁹ For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God.

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**Follow Christ's Example in
Suffering**

1 Peter 2:19-24

Power Made Perfect

Christ's Power Made Perfect in Weakness

2 Corinthians 12:6-10

⁶ Though if I should wish to boast, I would not be a fool, for I would be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think more of me than he sees in me or hears from me.

Power Made Perfect

⁷ So to keep me from becoming conceited because of the surpassing greatness of the revelations, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to harass me, to keep me from becoming conceited.

⁸ Three times I pleaded with the Lord about this, that it should leave me. ⁹ But he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.”

Power Made Perfect

Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me.¹⁰ For the sake of Christ, then, I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities. For when I am weak, then I am strong. ESV

Power Made Perfect

Love Your Enemies

Luke 6:27-28

²⁷ *“But I say to you who hear, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you,*
²⁸ *bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you.* *ESV*

Power Made Perfect

Bless Those Who Persecute You

Romans 12:14,21

¹⁴ *Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them.*

²¹ *Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good. ESV*

Invitation

**Are you allowing Christ's power
to be made perfect in you?**