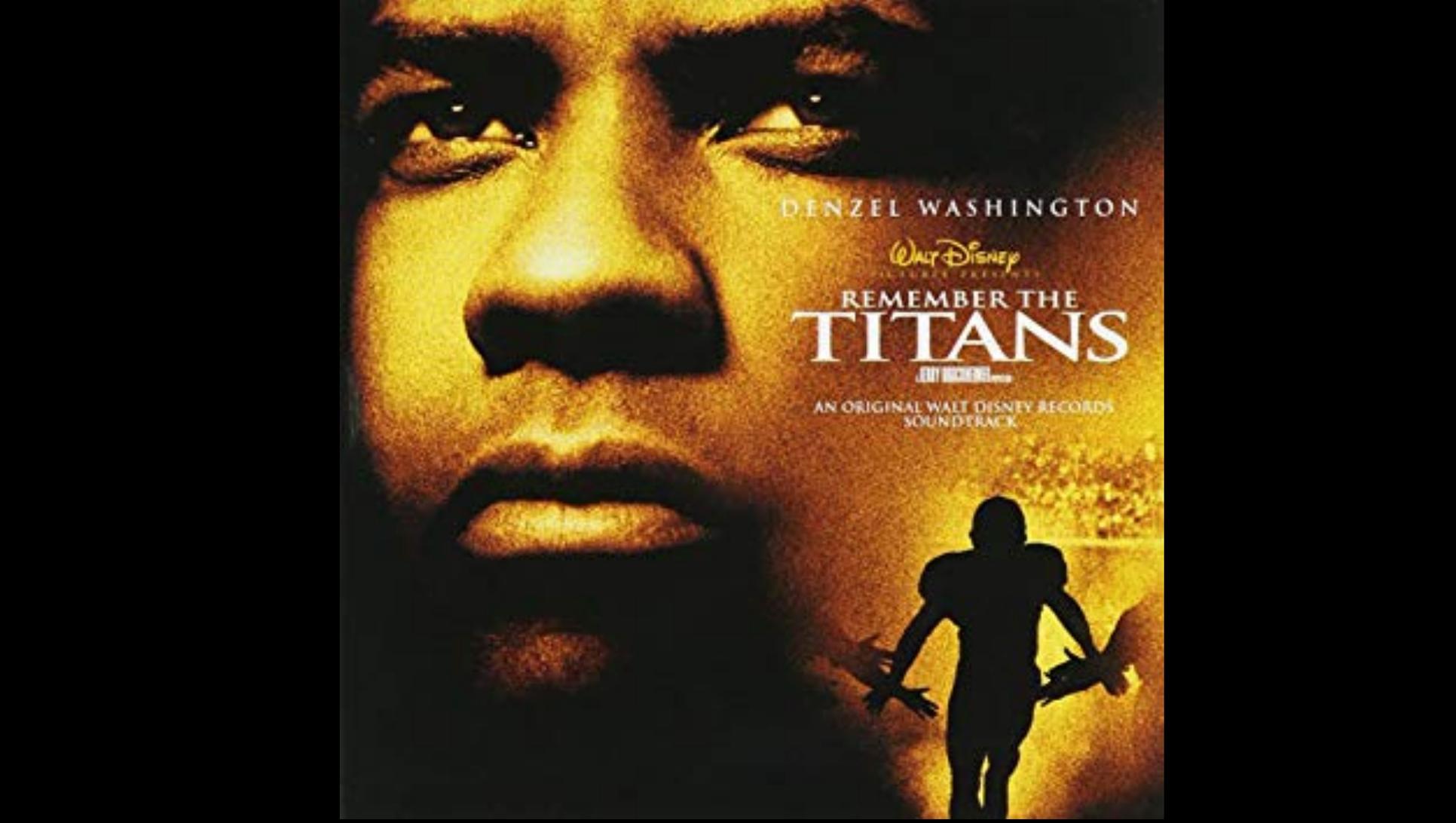




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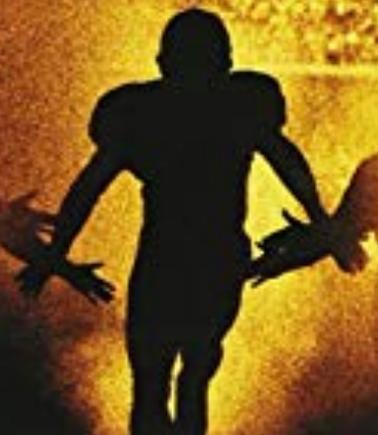
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Last Weeks Sermon

“Life from Death”

John 12:20-31

John 12:20-26

²⁰ Now there were some Greeks among those who went up to worship at the festival. ²¹ They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, with a request. “Sir,” they said, “we would like to see Jesus.” ²² Philip went to tell Andrew; Andrew and Philip in turn told Jesus.

John 12:20-26

²³ Jesus replied, “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. ²⁴ Very truly I tell you, unless a kernel of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains only a single seed. But if it dies, it produces many seeds. ²⁵ Anyone who loves their life will lose it, while anyone who hates their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. ²⁶ Whoever serves me must follow me; and where I am, my servant also will be. My Father will honor the one who serves me.

This Weeks Sermon:

“A House Divided”

John 12:20-31

Observations about Satan then

John 12:20-31

²⁷ “Now my soul is troubled, and what shall I say? ‘Father, save me from this hour’? No, it was for this very reason I came to this hour. ²⁸ Father, glorify your name!”

Then a voice came from heaven, “I have glorified it, and will glorify it again.” ²⁹ The crowd that was there and heard it said it had thundered; others said an angel had spoken to him.

³⁰ Jesus said, “This voice was for your benefit, not mine. ³¹ Now is the time for judgment on this world; now the prince of this world will be driven out.”

Observations about Satan then

- *Prince of this world*

Observations about Satan then

- *Prince of this world*
- *Will be driven out*

Use what is plain to give clarity on the
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The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe

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Revelation 20:1-3

And I saw an angel coming down out of heaven, having the key to the Abyss and holding in his hand a great chain. ² He seized the dragon, that ancient serpent, who is the devil, or Satan, and bound him for a thousand years. ³ He threw him into the Abyss, and locked and sealed it over him, to keep him from deceiving the nations anymore until the thousand years were ended.

Observations about Satan then

- *Prince of this world*
- *Will be driven out*
- *Had the ability to deceive the nations*

A Look at the Plain

Job 1:6-7

⁶ One day the angels came to present themselves before the LORD, and Satan also came with them. ⁷ The LORD said to Satan, “Where have you come from?”

Satan answered the LORD, “From roaming throughout the earth, going back and forth on it.”

Observations about Satan then

- *Prince of this world*
- *Will be driven out*
- *Had the ability to deceive the nations*
- *Freedom to go to and from heaven and earth*

Observations about Satan now

Luke 10:18-19

¹⁸ He replied, “I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven. ¹⁹ I have given you authority to trample on snakes and scorpions and to overcome all the power of the enemy; nothing will harm you.

Observations about Satan now

- *No authority*

Mark 1:23-26

²³ Just then a man in their synagogue who was possessed by an impure spirit cried out, ²⁴ “What do you want with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are — the Holy One of God!”

²⁵ “Be quiet!” said Jesus sternly. “Come out of him!” ²⁶ The impure spirit shook the man violently and came out of him with a shriek.

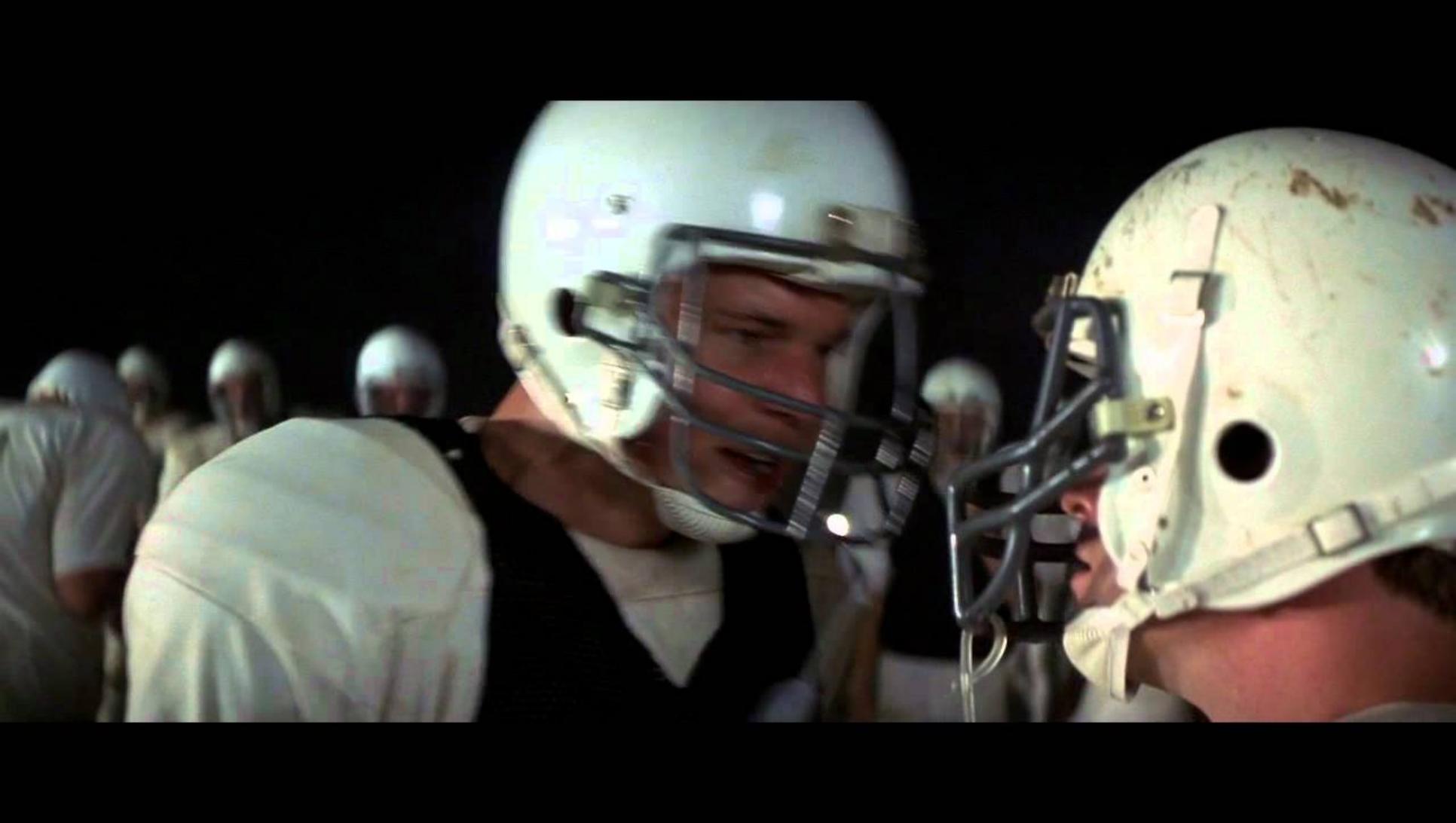
Observations about Satan now

- *No authority*
- *Knows the authority of Jesus and who He is*

Mark 3:22-27

²² And the teachers of the law who came down from Jerusalem said, “He is possessed by Beelzebul! By the prince of demons he is driving out demons.”

²³ So Jesus called them over to him and began to speak to them in parables: “How can Satan drive out Satan? ²⁴ If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. ²⁵ If a house is divided against itself, that house cannot stand. ²⁶ And if Satan opposes himself and is divided, he cannot stand; his end has come. ²⁷ In fact, no one can enter a strong man’s house without first tying him up. Then he can plunder the strong man’s house.



Matthew 12:28

²⁸ But if it is by the Spirit of God that I drive out demons, then the kingdom of God has come upon you.

Observations about Satan now

- *No authority*
- *Knows the authority of Jesus and who He is*
 - *He is bound*

Observations about the Kingdom of God now

Matthew 28:18-20

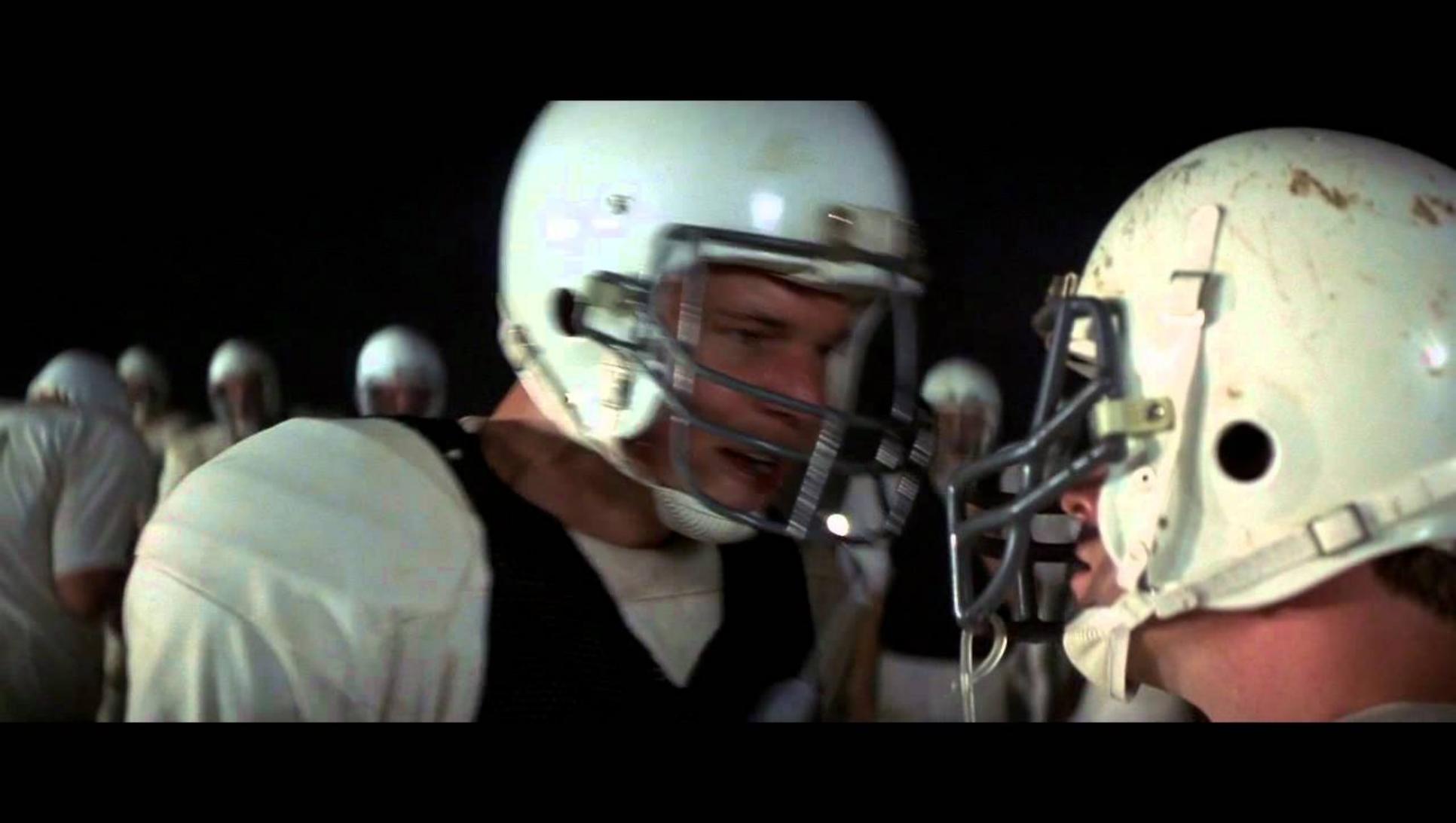
¹⁸ Then Jesus came to them and said, “ All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹ Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

Observations about the Kingdom of God **now**

- *Our King holds ALL authority*

Colossians 2:13-15

¹³ When you were dead in your sins and in the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive with Christ. He forgave us all our sins, ¹⁴ having canceled the charge of our legal indebtedness, which stood against us and condemned us; he has taken it away, nailing it to the cross. ¹⁵ And having disarmed the powers and authorities, he made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the cross.



Observations about the Kingdom of God **now**

- *Our King holds ALL authority*
- *Legally set free from our debt!*

Acts 28:28

²⁸ “Therefore I want you to know that God’s salvation has been sent to the Gentiles, and they will listen!”

Observations about the Kingdom of God **now**

- *Our King holds ALL authority*
- *Legally set free from our debt!*
- *Can preach the power of the Gospel to all people with authority!*

Even at this moment, as I'm discussing this question, Satan's authority and power are limited and subordinate to the authority that is vested in Christ. Christ right now is the king of this earth. His kingdom is invisible, and not everybody acknowledges it. People are giving more allegiance to the prince of darkness than to the Prince of Peace, but that is an act of usurpation on the part of Satan. His power is restricted, limited, and temporal. What has happened briefly is this: The power and authority of Satan has been dealt a fatal blow by Christ.

The Cross, the Incarnation, the Resurrection, and the Ascension tremendously weakened any power or authority that Satan enjoyed, but it didn't annihilate him. That will come later, when Christ completes his work of redemption with the consummation of his kingdom. All things will be brought into captivity to him, and every knee will bow to him, including the fallen angels, who will bow in submission to his authority.

~R. C. Sproul



Gospel Application:

Which Kingdom are you part of?

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*Let's be bold and proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ
with Authority*