

This story of Jesus is directly from the Gospel*
set as a Play.

By What Authority?

SCENE 1. JESUS USES HIS AUTHORITY TO HEAL.

Jesus went up to Jerusalem for a Jewish feast. Now there is in Jerusalem near the Sheep Gate a pool. Here a great number of disabled people used to lie – the blind, the lame, the paralyzed. One who was there had been an invalid for thirty-eight years.

JESUS: Do you want to get well?

THE INVALID: Sir, I have no one to help me.

JESUS: Get up! Pick up your mat and walk.

At once the man was cured; he picked up his mat and walked.

SCENE 2. THE RELIGIOUS LEADERS USE THEIR AUTHORITY TO THREATEN THE MAN HEALED BY JESUS.

THE JEWS: It is the Sabbath, the Holy Day of Rest; the Law forbids you to carry your mat.

THE INVALID: The man who made me well said to me, Pick up your mat and walk.

THE JEWS: Who is this fellow who told you to pick it up and walk?

THE INVALID: I have no idea who he is. He slipped away into the crowd

Later Jesus found him at the temple

JESUS: See, you are well again. Stop sinning or something worse may happen to you.

The man went away and told the Jews.

THE INVALID: Jesus is the one who made me well.

SCENE 3. JESUS CLAIMS AUTHORITY OVER THE SABBATH, THE JEWISH HOLY DAY OF REST.

THE JEWS: Jesus, it is because you are doing these things on the Sabbath that we oppose you.

JESUS: My Father is always at his work to this very day, and I, too, am working.

THE JEWS: Not only do you break the Sabbath, but now you even call God your own Father, making yourself equal with God!

JESUS: I tell you the truth, the Son can do nothing by himself; he can do only what he sees his Father doing, because whatever the Father does the Son also does. For the Father loves the Son and shows him all he does. Yes, to your amazement he will show him even greater things than these.

SCENE 4. JESUS CLAIMS AUTHORITY OVER THE RESURRECTION AND THE FUTURE JUDGMENT.

JESUS: For just as the Father raises the dead and gives them life, even so the Son gives life to whom he is pleased to give it.

Moreover, the Father judges no one, but has entrusted all judgment to the Son, that all may honor the Son just as they honor the Father. He who does not honor the Son does not honor the Father, who sent him.

For as the Father has life in himself, so he has granted the Son to have life in himself. And he has given him authority to judge because he is the Son of Man.

The time is coming when all who are in their graves will hear his voice and come out – those who have done good will rise to live, and those who have done evil will rise to be condemned.

By myself I can do nothing; I judge only as I hear, and my judgment is just, for I seek not to please myself but him who sent me.

SCENE 5. JESUS CALLS 2 OR 3 WITNESSES TO VALIDATE HIS CLAIMS OF AUTHORITY.

JESUS: If I testify about myself, my testimony is not valid. There is another who testifies in my favor, and I know that his testimony about me is valid.

You have sent to John the Baptist, the Prophet, the Son of Zechariah, and he has testified to the truth.

Not that I accept human testimony; but I mention it that you may be saved.

John was a lamp that burned and gave light, and you chose for a time to enjoy his light.

I have testimony weightier than that of John. For the very work that the Father has given me to finish, and which I am doing, testifies that the Father has sent me.

And the Father who sent me has himself testified concerning me. You have never heard his voice nor seen his form, nor does his word dwell in you, for you do not believe the one he sent.

You diligently study the Scriptures because you think that by them you possess eternal life. These are the Scriptures that testify about me, yet you refuse to come to me to have life.

But do not think I will accuse you before the Father. Your accuser is Moses, on whom your hopes are set. If you believed Moses, you would believe me, for he wrote about me. But since you do not believe what he wrote, how are you going to believe what I say?

SCENE 6. JESUS DECLARES WHY SOME PEOPLE BELIEVE IN HIS AUTHORITY AND OTHERS DO NOT.

JESUS: I do not accept praise from men, but I know you. I know that you do not have the love of God in your hearts.

I have come in my Father's name, and you do not accept me; but if someone else comes in his own name, you will accept him.

How can you believe if you accept praise from one another, yet make no effort to obtain the praise that comes from the only God?

I tell you the truth, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life and will not be condemned; he has crossed over from death to life.

I tell you the truth, a time is coming and has now come when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God and those who hear will live.

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هذه المسرحية عن السيد المسيح مأخوذة مباشرة من الإنجيل.*

بأي سلطان تفعل هذا؟

مشهد رقم ١: السيد المسيح يستخدم سلطانه للشفاء.

وَبَعْدَ هَذَا كَانَ عِيدٌ لِلْيَهُودِ فَصَعِدَ يَسُوعُ إِلَى أُورُشَلِيمَ. وَفِي أُورُشَلِيمَ عِنْدَ بَابِ الصَّانِ بَرَكَةَ وَكَانَ مَضْطَجِعًا جُمُوعًا كَثِيرًا مِنْ مَرْضَى وَعُمِي وَعُرْجٍ وَعُصَمٍ. وَكَانَ هُنَاكَ إِنْسَانٌ بِهِ مَرَضٌ مُنْذُ ثَمَانٍ وَثَلَاثِينَ سَنَةً.

السيد المسيح : أتريد أن تبرأ؟

المريض : يَا سَيِّدُ لَيْسَ لِي إِنْسَانٌ يَسَاعِدُنِي.

السيد المسيح : فَمَ أَحْمِلُ سَرِيرَكَ وَأَمْشِي.

فَحَالًا بَرِيءُ الْإِنْسَانُ وَحَمَلَ سَرِيرَهُ وَمَشَى. وَكَانَ فِي ذَلِكَ الْيَوْمِ سَبْتًا.

مشهد رقم ٢: رجال الدين يستخدمون سلطتهم ليهتدوا الرجل الذي شفاه المسيح.

الْيَهُودُ : إِنَّهُ سَبْتًا لَا يَحِلُّ لَكَ أَنْ تَحْمِلَ سَرِيرَكَ.

المريض : إِنَّ الَّذِي أْبْرَأَنِي هُوَ قَالَ لِي أَحْمِلُ سَرِيرَكَ وَأَمْشِي.

اليهود : مَنْ هُوَ الْإِنْسَانُ الَّذِي قَالَ لَكَ أَحْمِلُ سَرِيرَكَ وَأَمْشِي؟

المريض : لَا أَعْلَمُ مِنْ هُوَ لِأَنَّهُ أَعْتَزَلَ إِذْ كَانَ فِي الْمَوْضِعِ جَمْعًا.

بَعْدَ ذَلِكَ وَجَدَهُ يَسُوعُ فِي الْهَيْكَلِ.

السيد المسيح : هَا أَنْتَ قَدْ بَرِئْتَ فَلَا تُحْطِئْ أَيْضًا لِئَلَّا يَكُونَ لَكَ أَشْرٌ.

فَمَضَى الْإِنْسَانُ وَأَخْبَرَ الْيَهُودَ.

المريض : أَنْ يَسُوعَ هُوَ الَّذِي أْبْرَأَنِي.

مشهد رقم ٣: السيد المسيح يعلن سلطانه على يوم السبت، اليوم المقدس

ويوم الراحة بالنسبة لليهود.

اليهود : وَلِهَذَا كَلْنَا طَرْدْنَاكَ لِأَنَّكَ عَمَلْتَ هَذَا فِي سَبْتٍ.

السيد المسيح : أَبِي يَعْمَلُ حَتَّى الْآنَ وَأَنَا أَعْمَلُ.

اليهود : أَنْتَ لَمْ تَنْقُضِ السَّبْتَ فَقَطُّ بَلْ تَقُولُ إِنَّ اللَّهَ أَبُوكَ مُعَادِلًا لِنَفْسِكَ بِاللَّهِ.

السيد المسيح : الْحَقُّ الْحَقُّ أَقُولُ لَكُمْ: لَا يَقْدِرُ الْإِبْنُ أَنْ يَعْمَلَ مِنْ نَفْسِهِ شَيْئًا إِلَّا مَا يَنْظُرُ الْآبَ يَعْمَلُ. لِأَنَّ مَهْمَا عَمِلَ ذَاكَ فَهَذَا يَعْمَلُهُ الْإِبْنُ كَذَلِكَ. لِأَنَّ الْآبَ يُحِبُّ الْإِبْنَ وَيُرِيهِ جَمِيعَ مَا هُوَ يَعْمَلُهُ وَسِرِّيهِ أَعْمَالًا أَعْظَمَ مِنْ هَذِهِ لِتَتَعَجَّبُوا أَنْتُمْ.

مشهد رقم ٤: السيد المسيح يعلن سلطانه على القيامة والقضاء الاثني.

السيد المسيح : لِأَنَّهُ كَمَا أَنَّ الْآبَ يُقِيمُ الْأَمْوَاتَ وَيُحْيِي كَذَلِكَ الْإِبْنُ أَيْضًا يُحْيِي مَنْ يَشَاءُ. لِأَنَّ الْآبَ لَا يَدِينُ أَحَدًا بَلْ قَدْ أُعْطِيَ كُلَّ الدِّيُونَةِ لِلْإِبْنِ كَيْ يُكْرِمَ الْجَمِيعُ الْإِبْنَ كَمَا يُكْرِمُونَ الْآبَ. مَنْ لَا يُكْرِمُ الْإِبْنَ لَا يُكْرِمُ الْآبَ الَّذِي أَرْسَلَهُ. أَنَّهُ كَمَا أَنَّ الْآبَ لَهُ حَيَاةٌ فِي ذَاتِهِ كَذَلِكَ أُعْطِيَ الْإِبْنَ أَيْضًا أَنْ تَكُونَ لَهُ حَيَاةٌ فِي ذَاتِهِ وَأَعْطَاهُ سُلْطَانًا أَنْ يَدِينُ أَيْضًا لِأَنَّهُ ابْنُ الْإِنْسَانِ. لَا تَتَعَجَّبُوا مِنْ هَذَا فَإِنَّهُ تَأْتِي سَاعَةٌ فِيهَا يَسْمَعُ جَمِيعُ الَّذِينَ فِي الْقُبُورِ صَوْتَهُ فَيَخْرُجُ الَّذِينَ فَعَلُوا الصَّالِحَاتِ إِلَى قِيَامَةِ الْحَيَاةِ وَالَّذِينَ عَمَلُوا السَّيِّئَاتِ إِلَى قِيَامَةِ الدِّيُونَةِ.

أَنَا لَا أَقْدِرُ أَنْ أَفْعَلَ مِنْ نَفْسِي شَيْئًا. كَمَا أَسْمَعُ آدِينَ وَدَيُونَتِي عَادِلَةٌ لِأَنِّي لَا أَطْلُبُ مَشِيئَتِي بَلْ مَشِيئَةَ الْآبِ الَّذِي أَرْسَلَنِي.

مشهد رقم ٥: السيد المسيح يدعو شاهدين او ثلاثة ليثبت لهم سلطانه.

السيد المسيح : إِنَّ كُنْتُ أَشْهَدُ لِنَفْسِي فَشَهَادَتِي لَيْسَتْ حَقًّا. الَّذِي يَشْهَدُ لِي هُوَ آخَرٌ وَأَنَا أَعْلَمُ أَنَّ شَهَادَتَهُ الَّتِي يَشْهَدُهَا لِي هِيَ حَقٌّ. أَنْتُمْ أَرْسَلْتُمْ إِلَيَّ النَّبِيَّ يُوحَنَّا المَعْمَدَ ابْنَ زَكَرِيَّا فَشْهَدَ لِلْحَقِّ.

وَأَنَا لَا أَقْبَلُ شَهَادَةَ مَنْ إِنْسَانٌ وَلَكِنِّي أَقُولُ هَذَا لِتَحْلُصُوا أَنْتُمْ.

يُوحَنَّا كَانَ هُوَ السَّرَّاجُ الْمُوقِدُ الْمُنِيرُ وَأَنْتُمْ أَرَدْتُمْ أَنْ تَبْتَهَجُوا بِنُورِهِ سَاعَةً. وَأَمَّا أَنَا فَلِي شَهَادَةٌ أَعْظَمُ مِنْ يُوْحَنَّا المَعْمَدِ لِأَنَّ الْأَعْمَالَ الَّتِي أُعْطَانِي الْآبُ لِأَكْمَلَهَا هَذِهِ الْأَعْمَالُ بِعَيْنِهَا الَّتِي أَنَا أَعْمَلُهَا هِيَ تَشْهَدُ لِي أَنَّ الْآبَ قَدْ أَرْسَلَنِي. وَالْآبُ نَفْسُهُ الَّذِي أَرْسَلَنِي يَشْهَدُ لِي. لَمْ تَسْمَعُوا صَوْتَهُ قَطُّ وَلَا أَبْصَرْتُمْ هَيْئَتَهُ وَلَيْسَتْ لَكُمْ كَلِمَتُهُ نَابِتَةً فِيكُمْ لِأَنَّ الَّذِي أَرْسَلَهُ هُوَ لَسْتُمْ أَنْتُمْ تُؤْمِنُونَ بِهِ. فَتَشُوا الْكُتُبَ لِأَنَّكُمْ تَظُنُّونَ أَنَّ لَكُمْ فِيهَا حَيَاةً أَبَدِيَّةً. وَهِيَ الَّتِي تَشْهَدُ لِي. وَلَا تُرِيدُونَ أَنْ تَأْتُوا إِلَيَّ لِتَكُونَ لَكُمْ حَيَاةً.

لَا تَظُنُّوا أَنِّي أَشْكُوكُمْ إِلَى الْآبِ. يُوجَدُ الَّذِي يَشْكُوكُمْ وَهُوَ مُوسَى الَّذِي عَلَيْهِ رَجَاؤُكُمْ. لِأَنَّكُمْ لَوْ كُنْتُمْ تُصَدِّقُونَ مُوسَى لَكُنْتُمْ تُصَدِّقُونِي لِأَنَّهُ هُوَ كَتَبَ عَنِّي. فَإِنَّ كُنْتُمْ لَسْتُمْ تُصَدِّقُونَ كُتُبَ ذَاكَ فَكَيْفَ تُصَدِّقُونَ كَلَامِي؟

مشهد رقم ٦: الدوافع البشرية للايمان او عدم الايمان بسطان المسيح.

السيد المسيح : مَجْدًا مِنَ النَّاسِ لَسْتُ أَقْبَلُ وَلَكِنِّي قَدْ عَرَفْتَكُمْ أَنْ لَيْسَتْ لَكُمْ مَحَبَّةٌ لِلَّهِ فِي أَنْفُسِكُمْ. أَنَا قَدْ آتَيْتُ بِاسْمِ أَبِي وَلَسْتُمْ تَقْبَلُونَنِي. إِنَّهُ أَنِّي آخِرٌ بِاسْمِ نَفْسِهِ فَذَلِكَ تَقْبَلُونَهُ. كَيْفَ تَقْدِرُونَ أَنْ تُؤْمِنُوا وَأَنْتُمْ تَقْبَلُونَ مَجْدًا بَعْضُكُمْ مِنْ بَعْضٍ؟ وَالْمَجْدُ الَّذِي مِنَ الْإِلَهِ الْوَاحِدِ لَسْتُمْ تَطْلُبُونَهُ؟ الْحَقُّ الْحَقُّ أَقُولُ لَكُمْ: إِنَّ مَنْ يَسْمَعُ كَلَامِي وَيُؤْمِنُ بِالَّذِي أَرْسَلَنِي فَلَهُ حَيَاةٌ أَبَدِيَّةٌ وَلَا يَأْتِي إِلَى دِيُونَةٍ بَلْ قَدْ أَنْتَقَلَ مِنَ الْمَوْتِ إِلَى الْحَيَاةِ. الْحَقُّ الْحَقُّ أَقُولُ لَكُمْ: إِنَّهُ تَأْتِي سَاعَةٌ وَهِيَ الْآنَ حِينَ يَسْمَعُ الْأَمْوَاتُ صَوْتَ ابْنِ اللَّهِ وَالسَّامِعُونَ يَحْيَوْنَ.

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