

Sunday School Live Lesson

April 12, 2026

Authority Belonging to God

**Mark 12:17; Romans 13:1, 6-8;
1 Peter 2:13-17**

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Instructor: Ralph Gordon

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Resurrection: The Future Hope

1 Corinthians 15:13-20, 51-58

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Children: Gift and Model

Mark 9:36-37, 42; 10:13-16

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Instructor: Rev. Dr. Bonita Kitt

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Question To Consider

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As a Christian, how do you feel about being a good citizen?

Sunday School Lesson Objective

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To understand and internalize God's messages for us today through these passages of Scripture, in the Books of Mark, Romans and 1 Peter.

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1. Bibliography

2. Points of Information: Mark, Romans,
Peter

Sunday School Lesson Segments - 2

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3. Lesson Context

4. Lesson Text

5. Remember These Things

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Points of Information – Mark

The Gospel According to Mark is believed to be the first one written. Both Matthew and Luke borrow from it substantially.

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Mark's Hebrew first name was actually "John." He was not one of the twelve Disciples of Jesus.

Points of Information – Mark

Mark was a young man and a cousin of Barnabas.

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At one point, both Mark and Barnabas were co-laborers with the Apostle Paul.

Points of Information – Romans

The letter from the Apostle Paul to the Christian worshippers in Rome has been called a book of logic or doctrine.

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When this letter was written, the Apostle Paul had not yet been to Rome – which he longed to do.

Points of Information – Romans

The Apostle Paul sought to address and resolve problems between Jewish and Gentile Christians in Rome.

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This year's Allen Temple church theme is in the eighth chapter of the Book of Romans.

Points of Information – 1 Peter

Peter's original name was Simon. Jesus gave him the name Peter, after the word for a stone or a rock: Greek, "petros;" Aramaic, "Cephas."

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Jesus recruited Andrew and his brother Peter as they were fishing on the Sea of Galilee.

Points of Information – 1 Peter

Peter became a leading member of the Twelve Disciples.

Peter, along with John and James, was a member of an inner circle of Jesus' Disciples. The three of them accompanied Our Savior to the home of Jairus, up on the Mount of Transfiguration, and into the Garden of Gethsemane.

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Lesson Context – Mark 12

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Members of the Sanhedrin Council had been trying to trick Jesus with His own words.

Now, using a Roman coin, He pushed back against their vain attempts.

Mark 12:17 [NIV]

Then Jesus said to them, “Give back to Caesar what is Caesar’s and to God what is God’s.”

And they were amazed at Him.

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Lesson Context – Romans 13

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The Apostle Paul provides advice to the parishioners in Rome.

Romans 13:1 [NIV]

Let everyone be subject to the governing authorities, for there is no authority except that which God has established. The authorities that exist have been established by God.

Romans 13:6 [NIV]

This is also why you pay taxes, for the authorities are God's servants, who give their full time to governing.

Romans 13:7 [NIV]

Give to everyone what you owe them:
If you owe taxes, pay taxes; if revenue,
then revenue; if respect, then respect, if
honor, then honor.

Romans 13:8 [NIV]

Let no debt remain outstanding, except the continuing debt to love one another, for whoever loves others has fulfilled the law.

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Lesson Context – 1 Peter

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Peter gave followers of Jesus advice, similar to Paul, on being good citizens.

The churches the author addressed were being persecuted.

1 Peter 2:13 [NIV]

Submit yourselves for the Lord's sake to every human authority: whether to the emperor, as the supreme authority,

1 Peter 2:14 [NIV]

or to governors, who are sent by him to punish those who do wrong and to commend those who do right.

1 Peter 2:15 [NIV]

For it is God's will that by doing good you should silence the ignorant talk of foolish people.

1 Peter 2:16 [NIV]

Live as free people. But do not use your freedom as a cover-up for evil; live as God's slaves.

1 Peter 2:17 [NIV]

Show proper respect to everyone, love the family of believers, fear God, honor the emperor.

Remember These Things:

Let us be good representatives of our Father and our faith.

Let us show love to God and to each other.

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