

The Gospel According to Mark Jesus. Servant. Master.

Lesson 44

Read Mark 11:27 – 33

Introduction: Can you imagine questioning the authority of Jesus and where it came from? For us, who know who Jesus Christ is and where He came from, it is easy to recognize His authority. But the chief priests, scribes, and the elders did not recognize Jesus as their Messiah and were uncertain and blind to the prophecies concerning Him. It's interesting that Jesus chose not to answer their question concerning His authority but rather, in His infinite wisdom, asked them a question. No doubt, if answered, Jesus would have told them by what authority He came. The religious leaders, after pondering the question, answered, "*We do not know.*" And Jesus answered and said to them, "*Neither will I tell you by what authority I do these things.*" God has a way of revealing who He is to those who are *truly* seeking Him. The truth was right in front of their eyes but they could not see it.

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1. What do we learn from the accounts given in Matthew 21:23 and Luke 20:1?
 - When Jesus first began His ministry in Nazareth and was in the synagogue on the Sabbath. He was given the book of Isaiah to read from. Write out what Jesus read according to Luke 4:18 – 19?

- How has Jesus given to you authority to continue His work described in Matthew 28:18 – 20?

4. According to Luke 7:1 – 10 how does believing God's word of authority demonstrate our faith?

5. Give some examples of the way God has shown His authority over heaven and earth?

6. With the authority and power God has given to us according to Acts 1:6 – 8 give some examples of the way the Lord can use you in the lives of both believers and non-believers?