

Reflection Questions: Do I truly acknowledge the authority Jesus has over me? Are there areas of my life that I'm not submitting to His authority? When is it most difficult for me to submit to God's authority? How will I change this? What specific steps will I take to submit more to God's authority?

How can we pray for one another and our church this week?

Quotes to Ponder

The very word authority has within it the word author. An author is someone who creates and possesses a particular work. Insofar as God is the foundation of all authority, He exercises that foundation because He is the author and the owner of His creation. He is the foundation upon which all other authority stands or falls.

R.C. Sproul

The Rabbis spoke from authority. Jesus with authority.

Leon Morris

His authority on earth allows us to dare to go to all the nations. His authority in heaven gives us our only hope of success. And His presence with us leaves us no other choice.

John Stott

Until the will and the affections are brought under the authority of Christ, we have not begun to understand, let alone to accept, His lordship.

Elisabeth Elliot

What Jesus does as God's servant has meaning only because of who He is as God's Son. The authority of Jesus is in fact the authority of God.

James Edwards



By Whose Authority?

Sermon
Notes

February 25, 2024

1. Leaders' Questions (27-28)

2. Jesus' Question (29-30)

3. Leaders' Consultation (31-33a)

4. Jesus' Conclusion (33b)

1. What in the text/sermon impacted you? Encouraged you? Convicted you? Challenged you? Confused you? Comforted you?

2. Read the following accounts, noting what you learn from each. Are there any contradictions? If so, how do you resolve them?

Matthew 21:23-27 —

Mark 11:27-33 —

Luke 20:1-8 —

3. Why do the religious leaders question Jesus about His authority at this time (*Mark 11:27-28*)?

What were the *these things*?

Why does Jesus not answer them?

4. Why does Jesus make His answer of their questions dependent on their answering His question (*Mark 11:29*)?

5. Why does Jesus ask them about the ministry of John the Baptist and its origins (*Mark 11:30*)?

6. Why won't the religious leaders answer Jesus' question (*Mark 11:31-32*)?

7. What were the religious leaders admitting when they said, *We do not*

know (Mark 11:33)?

8. Why doesn't Jesus tell them what authority He has (*Mark 11:33*)?

9. What were the priorities of the religious leaders who confronted Jesus?

10. Why do we all naturally question and resist authority? What is the connection to the fall in *Genesis 3*?

11. What does this text tell us about Jesus' attitude toward people who reject His authority?

12. Read *Matthew 28:18*. Didn't Jesus always have this authority? Explain.

13. What does this confidence in Jesus' total authority unleash in the lives those who really believe this?

14. What do the following verses teach about Jesus' authority?

Matthew 7:29 —

John 13:3 —

Matthew 11:27 —

John 17:1-2 —

Mark 1:22, 27 —

Ephesians 1:20-22 —

John 3:35 —

Hebrews 1:2 —

John 10:18 —

Revelation 1:18 —