

“BY WHAT AUTHORITY?”

Mark 11:27-33

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I. What happens when Jesus returns to the temple? (vv. 27-30)

“walking in the temple”

“the chief priests and the scribes and the elders”

“By what authority are you doing these things, or who have you this authority...?”

“Was the baptism of John from heaven or from man?”

Faith rests on the _____ of Jesus' authority.

Matthew 7:15

Luke. 20:1

“They do not debate with him as to the doctrine itself, whether it was true or not, but they raise a dispute as to his calling and commission.”

-John Calvin

II. Why did they refuse to answer Jesus? (vv. 31-33)

“They discussed it with one another”

“If we say, ‘From heaven’, he will say, ‘Why then did you not believe him?’”

“But shall we say, ‘From man’?- they were afraid of the people”

Faith _____ the authority of Jesus.

Deuteronomy 13:1-11

Jeremiah 5:30-31

Mark 8:31

Acts 5:33-42

Galatians 1:10

Hebrews 5:12-13

"Their inability to discern spiritual matters with reference to John invalidates their claim to be leaders over God's people."

-Mark Strauss

"It was a brilliant exposure of the leaders' moral bankruptcy."

-James Boice

III. How does this play out in discipleship?

Evangelism

Sanctification

Faith _____ the authority of Jesus.

Genesis 39:9

Job 28:28

Proverbs 29:25

"You will not truly confess Jesus as the Christ until you are willing to bow to His authority as your Savior, Lord, and Teacher."

-Sinclair Ferguson

BIG IDEA: The authority of Jesus is _____ to Christianity.