

## **“By What Authority?”**

### **Mark 11:27-33**

April 23, 2023

- Last Week: Jesus is Lord of Creation, the Temple, and the Nations.
- A Week with Jesus (Mark 11-16)—Tuesday

### **Who is Jesus?**

#### 1. The Table \_\_\_\_\_ **(Mark 11:27-28)**

- exousia = authority. It has to do with \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

#### 2. The Table \_\_\_\_\_ **(Mark 11:29-32)**

- The baptism of John was of \_\_\_\_\_ origin, therefore so was Jesus' authority.
- The ministry of John the Baptist was inextricably \_\_\_\_\_ with the ministry of Jesus.  
**(Mark 1:1-11; 9:13; Matt. 3; Luke 3:1-20; John 1:6-8, 15-36; 3:25-26)**

#### 3. The Table \_\_\_\_\_ **(Mark 11:33)**

- Jesus was not being evasive, He was being \_\_\_\_\_.

### **Why Don't People Believe in Jesus?**

- Three common reasons found in this passage
  1. They don't want to \_\_\_\_\_ to His authority **(Mark 11:27-28, 31-33a)**
    - Who can tell us \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_?
  2. They won't \_\_\_\_\_ the evidence **(Mark 11:31b-32)**
  3. They fear people more than they fear \_\_\_\_\_ **(Mark 11:32; Prov. 29:25)**

### **What Is Our Decisive Choice, Having Crossed Paths With Jesus?**

1. S\_\_\_\_\_ to King Jesus!

2. K\_\_\_\_\_ examining the evidence! K\_\_\_\_\_ believing and trusting Jesus!

3. F\_\_\_\_\_ God, not man!

### **Community Group Discussion Questions:**

1. Have you ever been asked a question you knew there was no "right" answer to? If so, how did you answer?
2. Why were the religious and political leaders so hostile to Jesus? Why might some be hostile to Him today?
3. Practically speaking, what does it mean that Jesus has all authority? Since the Lord Jesus can tell us what to do, how should we respond? Is Jesus Lord of every area of our lives, or just some areas? Are there times when you struggle with this truth? Are there times we argue with Jesus?
4. How can you grow in relation to fearing God and not people? Do you agree or disagree with this statement: The more you fear God, the less you'll fear people. Why or why not?
5. How can you encourage your fellow believers to grow in sanctification, having crossed paths with Jesus? Whenever you read the Bible, you "cross paths with Jesus." What can you do to start, improve, or enhance your intake of God's Word?

**Suggested Reading:** *How Sanctification Works* by David Powlison

**Key Words For Kids To Count:** Authority