



## The Gospel of Mark Following Jesus

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### A Challenge to Jesus' Authority & The Question about John the Baptist

Mark 11:27-33

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**Theme:** Having demonstrated His messianic authority by clearing the temple, Jesus is questioned by the religious leaders about the source of His authority. Recognizing this as an attempt to trap Him, Jesus counters by asking whether John the Baptist's authority was from God or of human origin. Their unwillingness to answer reveals Jesus' superior wisdom and exposes them as hypocrites and fraudulent leaders.

### **Outline**

#### 1. The Context: Jesus Arrives in Jerusalem

a. Triumphal entry (11:1-11)

b. Cursing the fig tree and clearing the temple (11:12-25)

2. Jesus Questioned about the Source of His Authority (11:27–28)

3. Jesus' Counter question: The Authority of John the Baptist (11:29–30)

4. The Leaders' Discussion and Response (11:31–33a)

5. Jesus' Conclusion (11:33b)

**Takeaway:** When we recognize Jesus' authority over all things, our natural response should be to give Him authority over every aspect of our lives.

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Mark 12:1-12