

No More Light
Matthew #139
Matthew 21:23-27

The Greek word *exousia* (“authority”), in Hebrew the word and this concept is *mikbah*, meaning “leaning” or “laying” on of hands in the ordination ceremony for a judge, elder or rabbi.

Here the leaders are basically asking: “What kind of ordination did you receive that entitles you to teach as authoritatively as you do, to decide points of Jewish Law as you do, and to disturb the peace in the Temple courts?”
Matt 7:28-29

D A Carson - In one sense the Sanhedrin enjoyed not only the right but the duty to check the credentials of those who claimed to be spokesmen for God.

William Hendriksen: An important practical lesson is taught here. Christ’s opponents failed to see the truth because they hardened themselves against it. The reason why many people know so little about Jesus and about the joy of living the Christian life is that they refuse to submit themselves to his will.