

Series "Behold Your King"
"A Question of Authority"
Matthew 21:23-32
Part-93

Tuesday is called "The Day of Controversy", which extends to Matt 23

- 1. Verses 23-27 – A Challenge of Jesus**
- 2. Verses 28-32 – Two Very Different Sons**

1. Verses 23-27 – A Challenge of Jesus:

The Chief Priests – (Spiritual Hierarchy) claimed their authority from Moses:

The Elders – (Representatives of the Congregation)

Luke 20:1 The Scribes – (Pseudo-experts of the written and oral traditions)

Luke 20:1 and preaching the gospel

Gen. 22:8

John 1:29

Matt 21:14

Who gave You this authority?" Literally - "What kind of authority is it, Divine or human?"

Matt 21:24

A Counter Question: And Jesus answered and said to them, "I will ask you one thing too"

Matt 21:25

Luke 7:28-30

Why does Jesus take them back to John?

1. Because John was God's witness that He sent to His people.
2. John was the light that was to point to Jesus Christ.

John 7:17

from heaven, Jewish Euphemism for "God"

or from men? Human?

John 1:29

Luke 3:16

Matt 21:26

Luke 20:6

Matt 21:27

"We do not know." K.J.V. – "We cannot tell." It would be more accurate to say "We will not tell!"

What has Matthew revealed to us about Jesus' authority?

1. Jesus' authority validates His teaching: Matt 7:28-29
Matt 8:8-8
2. Jesus' authority to forgive sin: Matt 9:6
Matt 21 Authority 3X
3. Jesus' authority is God's authority: Matt 28:18-20

John 3:19

2. Verses 28-32 – Two Very Different Sons:

"But what do you think?" Jesus launches into 3 Parables in order to get them to think independently.

1. The Two Sons – Matt 21:28-32
2. The Vineyard Parable – Matt 21:33-44
3. The Marriage Feast – Matt 22:1-14

A man - this man represents God.

had two sons, the first son – represents the self-righteous religious leaders

Second son – represents the sinner that has been in rebellion to God's commands. Matt 21:31

Vineyard – The nation of Israel.

Matt 21:29

Matt 7:21

Matt 21:30.

regretted - "to care afterwards, regret". He repented and went. There was a change in heart.

Matt 21:31

Note that past failures do not keep one from God's Kingdom!

Matt 21:32

Application:

Matt 21:28 "But what do you think?"

1. Our actions, not our words, are the final determining factor:
2. There is no substitute for repentance:
3. If a person is unwilling to give up their sin, their profession of faith is empty:

1 John 1:9