

Series "The God Who Serves"
"Divine Authority"
Mark 11:27-33
Study-45

"The Passion Week" – This is the last week of Jesus' earthly ministry. Some refer to it as the "Week That Changed The World."

The event of our passage takes place on Tuesday, which is referred to as "The Day of Controversy."

"Jesus Cleanses The Temple!" Mark 11:17 – Jesus had called The Religious Leaders "Thieves!" And The Temple Was A "Hideout For The Thieves!"

Mark 11:18

We come to a confrontation! A confrontation that starts on Tuesday and ends on Friday with His crucifixion.

This Passage is recorded in Matthew 21:23-27; Mark 11:27-33; Luke 20:1-8

The Thought Of Our Passage: "The Divine Authority Of Jesus Christ Is Revealed Through His Teaching, His Miracles, Prophecies, And The Forgiveness Of Sins."

- 1. Verses 27-28 – Authority Of Jesus Challenged**
- 2. Verses 29-30 – Counter Challenging The Religious**
- 3. Verses 31-33 – Religious Deception Exposed**

1. Verses 27-28 – Authority Of Jesus Challenged:

Mark 11:27

"And they came again to Jerusalem." – This is now Tuesday morning of The Passion Week. Mark 11:20-26

Pictures: "And as He was walking in the temple," – This area is called "The Porch of Solomon." It was an area that contained 162 columns that were 30 feet high, and 6 feet thick.

"the chief priests, and scribes, and elders" – These religious leaders made up what was called "The Sanhedrin."

The Chief Priests – (Spiritual Hierarchy)

The Scribes – (Pseudo-experts of the written and oral traditions)

The Elders – (Representatives of the congregation)

“came to Him,” – Matt 21:23: “as He was teaching,”

Luke 20:1 – “confronted Him,” – “attacked Him, came after Him.”

Paul said to the Corinthian Church – 1 Corinthians 2:4-5

This last week of His life was given over to instruction. The temple has been cleansed, so now the Word can be received. Luke 19:47-48

Mark 11:28

First Question: “By what authority are You doing these things,” – Literally “What kind of authority is this, Divine or Human?”

“authority” – “freedom to act, liberty to act, the right to act, to exercise your will, to exercise force, to determine, to decide.” Matthew 28:18

Second Question: “who gave You this authority to do these things?”

“doing these things,” – What things are they referring to? They are speaking about the cleansing of the temple, the teaching/preaching. Luke 19:47-48

This Is The Week Of The Passover: Commemorating God’s deliverance of Israel out of the bondage of Egypt.

Exodus 12:5-6 – Israelites were to examine the lamb for four days.

Mark 11:27-12:37 – Jesus is questioned and examined by the religious leaders. He is asked 4 questions and then He asks them a question:

1. (Mark 11:27-33) Jesus is questioned regarding His authority.
2. (Mark 12:13-17) Jesus is questioned about the authority of government.
3. (Mark 12:18-27) Jesus is questioned about eternity.
4. (Mark 12:28-34) Jesus is questioned about priorities.
5. (Mark 12:35-37) Jesus questions the hearers as to His true identity.

2. Verses 29-30 – Counter Challenging The Religious:

Mark 11:29

Jesus Is Examining The Spirituality Of The Religious Leaders!

Mark 11:30

Why Does Jesus Go Back To John?

1. John's mission was God's forerunner, preparing the way for the Messiah. Promised in the last book of the OT Malachi 4:5-6
2. John was the light that was to point to Jesus Christ. John announced Jesus as the Messiah. John 1:29

The correct answer about John was also the correct answer about Jesus!

"Was the baptism of John" – All of John's ministry...his preaching, his teaching, his calling of the people to preparedness and repentance.

Luke 7:28-30

"from heaven," – the term Heaven was a Jewish Euphemism for "God".

"or from men?" – Was John's authority divine or was it "Human"?

John 7:17

3. Verses 31-33 – Religious Deception Exposed:

Mark 11:31

"And they began reasoning among themselves," – (imperfect, "for some time among themselves")

John 1:29

Luke 3:16

It's a package deal. You can't take John without Jesus. And you can't throw away Jesus without throwing away John.

Mark 11:32

Luke 20:6

Mark 11:33

“And answering Jesus, they said, ‘We do not know.’” – K.J.V. “We cannot tell”; Literally, “We do not really know.”

John 7:17

The loss of a soul is often due to a person being dishonest to their own soul!

John 3:19

Psalm 143:10

Application: What Has Mark Revealed To Us About Jesus’ Authority?

1. Jesus’ Authority Was Authenticated Through His Teaching: Mark 1:22

Mark 1:27

2. Only God Has Authority To Forgive Sin: (God is the offended Party)
Mark 2:10-12

3. Jesus’ Authority Is God’s Authority: Mark 6:7

Matthew 28:18

Rom. 11:22

God Is A God of Kindness.

God Is A God of Severity.