

The authority of Jesus

Matthew 21: 23-32

Where are we going?

- Authority of Jesus questioned
- Alternative responses to Jesus
- Actions Jesus' authority requires

The week that changed the world

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Sunday

Zechariah 9:9 ,

Rejoice greatly O daughter of Zion! Shout, Daughter of Jerusalem. See, your King comes to you, righteous and having salvation, gentle and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

Jesus the Passover lamb

Matt 16:21 & Matt 20:17-19

From that time on Jesus began to explain to his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things at the hands of the elders, chief priests and teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and on the third day be raised to life.'

Monday





Tuesday



Authority questioned

Matthew 21:23

*By what authority are you doing these things? And,
Who gave you this authority?*

Jesus authority – Divine commission

My Father's House - Luke 2:49

Taught with divine authority - Matthew 7:29

God's affirmation "This is my Son " - Matthew 3:17

Authenticated by signs and wonders

John's declaration "Look, the Lamb of God " - John 1:29

Jesus Authority – Complete submission

- Total obedience to Father's will
- “My food is to do the will of him who sent me ” John 4:34 and “I came down from heaven not to do my will but to do the will of him who sent me.” John 6:38
- “Not as I will but as you will” Matthew 26:39



Jesus' answer: a clarifying question

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John's baptism- where did it come from?

Was it from heaven or from men?

Parables set out the alternatives

Two sons

“ One proves better than they promise, the other promises better than they prove”

The reprobate who repents v the pious who pretends

Action required

Repent and obey

Summary

Authority of Jesus

- Divine commission – Father's Son
- Total submission – Father's will

Alternative responses to the good news of the Kingdom

- Accept or reject

Action required

- Repent and obey

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- Renewing love – “**God has poured out his love into our hearts...**” Romans 5: 3-5

Here is love, vast as the ocean ...

Let me all Thy love accepting,
Love Thee, ever all my days;
Let me seek Thy kingdom only
And my life be to Thy praise;

Of Thy fullness Thou art pouring
Thy great love and power on me,
Without measure, full and boundless,
Drawing out my heart to Thee.