

# Matt 21:23-27 Week 67

## Excuse Me!! Who Do You Think You Are?

Matt 21:23 Jesus entered the temple courts, and, while he was teaching, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him. "By what authority are you doing these things?" they asked. "And who gave you this authority?" 24 Jesus replied, "I will also ask you one question. If you answer me, I will tell you by what authority I am doing these things. 25 John's baptism-where did it come from? Was it from heaven, or from men?" They discussed it among themselves and said, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will ask, 'Then why didn't you believe him?'" 26 But if we say, 'From men'-we are afraid of the people, for they all hold that John was a prophet." 27 So they answered Jesus, "We don't know." Then he said, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things."

- Jesus taught not as a scribe, but as one with God-given \_\_\_\_\_.
- The fact here is simple: it is easier to be a \_\_\_\_\_ than to be a \_\_\_\_\_.

### The Pharisees

- Authority is a strong word, denoting \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.
- They feared Jesus would \_\_\_\_\_ their own positions of authority.

### The Confrontation

- Every false religion has the \_\_\_\_\_ denominator of righteousness by works, or salvation by human achievement, and is by nature offended by and opposed to the gospel of divine accomplishment by God in Christ.
- Society today opposes Christianity because man does not want anyone in authority to oppose \_\_\_\_\_ ---unless it hurts them.
- Notice that although they did not recognize the source and legitimacy of Jesus' \_\_\_\_\_, they never questioned that He had it.
- What authority do we have to share Jesus and to believe what we say we believe?
  - Divine \_\_\_\_\_
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Col 1:25 I have become its servant by the commission God gave me to present to you the word of God in its fullness  
28 We proclaim him, admonishing and teaching everyone with all wisdom, so that we may present everyone perfect in Christ. 29 To this end I labor, struggling with all his energy, which so powerfully works in me

How do we pull off this great commission? By following Jesus' example.

- 1) Jesus limited His ministry to God's \_\_\_\_\_.
- 2) Jesus limited His ministry to God's \_\_\_\_\_.
- 3) Jesus limited His ministry to God's \_\_\_\_\_.

What is God's objective for us today?

- \_\_\_\_\_
- God \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ joy

- 4) Jesus limited His ministry to God's \_\_\_\_\_
- 5) Jesus limited Himself to God's \_\_\_\_\_

So what is the key to all of this?

- Christ in \_\_\_\_\_, the hope of glory.