

MATTHEW

March 12, 2023
Matthew 21:23-32

READ

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Mark 11:27-33

Luke 20:1-8

QUESTIONS for REFLECTION

1. What do you know about the chief priests & elders (Pharisees; c.f., v. 45) (v. 23)? Who are they?

Why might they be openly opposed to Jesus?

2. What does their question intend to strike at or reveal (v. 23)? Why is this pertinent?
3. Jesus responds with His own question (vv. 24-25a). Why is this question so difficult for the chief priests & elders to answer (vv. 25b-26)?
4. Why else does this question focusing on John pose such a difficulty for Jesus' opponents? What had John already done?
 - Matthew 3:7-12
 - John 1:19-21, 24, 26-30, 34
5. What does Jesus' authority (Matthew 28:18) mean to you?
 - Matthew 7:29

- Matthew 9:6
- Luke 4:36

6. Jesus continues to press His opponents on the subject of John by telling and applying a parable (vv. 28-32). The gist of the parable revolves around doing, or not doing, _____.

What attitudes are represented by the two sons?

What groups are represented by the two sons?

Doing the will of the Father is inexorably linked to _____ (v. 32).

7. What is the place of the will of the Father in our lives?

- Matthew 7:21
- John 5:30
- John 6:38
- Ephesians 5:17
- Ephesians 6:6
- 1 John 2:17

PERSONAL RESPONSE

The authority of the Lord Jesus Christ will make a difference in my life this week by . . .

I will seek to understand the will of the Lord this week by . . .