

# Scripture this week:

## Mark 11:27-33

<sup>27</sup> And they came again to Jerusalem. And as he was walking in the temple, the chief priests and the scribes and the elders came to him, <sup>28</sup> and they said to him, "By what authority are you doing these things, or who gave you this authority to do them?" <sup>29</sup> Jesus said to them, "I will ask you one question; answer me, and I will tell you by what authority I do these things. <sup>30</sup> Was the baptism of John from heaven or from man? Answer me." <sup>31</sup> And they discussed it with one another, saying, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say, 'Why then did you not believe him?' <sup>32</sup> But shall we say, 'From man'?"—they were afraid of the people, for they all held that John really was a prophet. <sup>33</sup> So they answered Jesus, "We do not know." And Jesus said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I do these things."

## Can't Be Outsmarted

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In an attempt to trap Jesus, the religious leaders question him but end up discovering they cannot outsmart him. He is the real deal. His authority comes from the Almighty God. Jesus is THE guy that must be listened to if we are to enjoy eternal life.

### THE QUESTION

### THE REPLY

### THE PREDICAMENT

### THE POINT

## Notes:

## *Life Group Questions:*

### Mark 11:27-33

1. Why do the religious leaders ask Jesus about his authority? What answer do you think they hoped for? What would they have done if they had received the answer for which they hoped?
2. What's the essence of Jesus' question (put it in other words)?
3. What is revealed by the religious leader's answer to Jesus' question? How good are they at being religious leaders?
4. Why is it so important to Mark to emphasize the authority Jesus has?
5. How is Jesus' authority related to Biblical authority?
6. How did you come to determine that Jesus and the Bible were to be trusted? Are authoritative?
7. Where do you see yourself still in doubting the authority of Jesus and Scripture? How has trusting Jesus' authority benefitted you?