

Can't Be Outsmarted





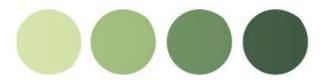


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- Our being forgiven gets expressed in forgiving others

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.



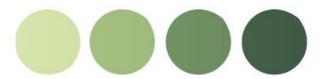
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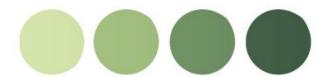


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The religious leaders attempt to trap Jesus by asking a question...



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Jesus answers with a question...



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"Will you guys tell me, John the Baptist's preaching of repentance, baptism, declaring the Messiah has come and pointing to me, was he from God or just making it up?"



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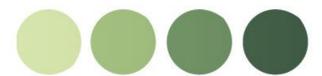
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Then...we are in big trouble because the people

believe John is from God.



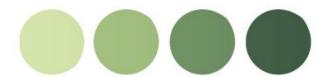
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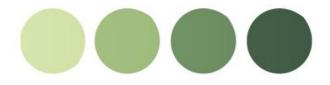
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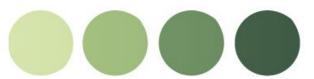
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"Jesus never gets outsmarted, because he is the Messiah, he is God. Everyone who wants to experience eternal life, a happy, meaningful life, must listen to him.





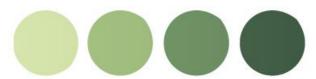
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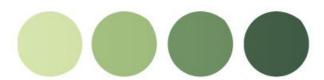


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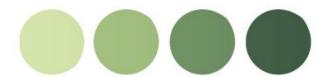
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