



FAITH IN ACTION: TRACING A LEGACY OF LOVE

⁹ The human mind plans the way, but the Lord directs the steps. **Proverbs 16:9**

⁴ Show me Your ways, O Lord; Teach me Your paths. ⁵ Lead me in Your truth and teach me, For You are the God of my salvation; On You I wait all day long. **Psalm 25:4, 5**

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TEXT: MATTHEW 21:23-27

TITLE: WALK IN YOUR AUTHORITY

INTRODUCTION

- A. Jesus never asked permission to do what He was sent to do _____
- B. Jesus never sought to fit in _____
- C. Jesus never bowed to the authority of the religious leaders _____
 - 1. Jesus respected their position (Matthew 23:1-3)
 - 2. Paul respected their position (Acts 23:1-5)

JESUS' AUTHORITY

- A. Two Questions _____
 - 1. By what authority are You doing these things?
 - a. What things?
 - i. Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem
 - ii. Jesus' cleaning up and clearing out the temple
 - iii. Jesus' curing the blind and lame
 - iv. Jesus' reception of praise from the children
 - v. Jesus' teaching in the temple
 - b. What authority?
 - 2. Who gave You this authority?"
 - a. It had not been conferred upon Jesus by them
 - b. They had the authority in the temple
- B. One Answer _____
 - 1. Jesus answered a question with a question
 - 2. "Answer my question, and I will answer your question"
 - 3. "Did the baptism of John come from heaven or human origin?"
- C. A question that could not be answered _____
 - 1. "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say to us, 'Why then did you not believe him?'"
 - 2. "But if we say, 'Of human origin,' we are afraid of the people because everyone regards John as a prophet."
 - 3. "We do not know"
 - 4. "Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things"

MY AUTHORITY

- A. What authority do I have? _____
- B. From where did my authority come? _____
- C. Know: _____
 - 1. I do not have to prove my authority
 - 2. I do not have to defend my authority
 - 3. I do have to walk in my authority