



## **SERMON NOTES**

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Scripture: Luke 19:45- 20:8 (NAS)

Topic: "By Whose Authority?"

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- 45 Jesus entered the temple and began to drive out those who were selling,  
46 saying to them, "It is written, 'AND MY HOUSE SHALL BE A HOUSE OF PRAYER,' but you have made it a ROBBERS' DEN."  
47 And He was teaching daily in the temple; but the chief priests and the scribes and the leading men among the people were trying to destroy Him,  
48 and they could not find anything that they might do, for all the people were hanging on to every word He said.
- 1 On one of the days while He was teaching the people in the temple and preaching the gospel, the chief priests and the scribes with the elders confronted Him, and they spoke, saying to Him, "Tell us by what authority You are doing these things, or who is the one who gave You this authority?"  
3 Jesus answered and said to them, "I will also ask you a question, and you tell Me:  
4 "Was the baptism of John from heaven or from men?"  
5 They reasoned among themselves, saying, "If we say, 'From heaven,' He will say, 'Why did you not believe him?'  
6 "But if we say, 'From men,' all the people will stone us to death, for they are convinced that John was a prophet."  
7 So they answered that they did not know where it came from.  
8 And Jesus said to them, "Nor will I tell you by what authority I do these things."

### **I. FROM THE JEWISH LEADERS POINT OF VIEW**

- A. Jesus Accepted The Honor Given In His Approach To Jerusalem
- B. He Had Not Silenced His Followers
- C. He Wept Over Jerusalem. What Was That?
- D. He Took The Authority To Drive Out The Merchants
- E. He Was Daily Teaching In The Temple

### **II. THEIR QUESTIONS TO JESUS**

- A. By Whose Authority? And Who Gave You That Authority?
- B. His Answer Was To Ask Them A Question

### **III. CHRIST'S QUESTION TO THEM**

- A. It Was Not Evasive
- B. They Were Not Ready To Hear His Answer

### **IV. THE QUESTION OF AUTHORITY**

- A. Highly Relevant Today
- B. We Battle With It Each Day
  - 1. A Sermon
  - 2. Our own devotion
  - 3. Grumbling
  - 4. Fear *Philippians 4:6*
  - 5. Sin
- C. Who Has The Right To Govern?
  - 1. We think we do
  - 2. We, like the Pharisees, question the Lord's authority
- D. There Are Ultimately Only Two Authority Systems
  - 1. God's
  - 2. Satan's *Matthew 16:21-23*
- V. WE MUST INDIVIDUALLY ANSWER THIS MATTER OF AUTHORITY
  - A. Is It Your Conscience
  - B. Is It Your Selfishness
  - C. We Must Bring Conscience And Self Under The Lordship Of Christ *Philippians 2:5; 2:3-4; II Timothy 3:16-17*