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ADMINISTRATION

“Who Do You Think You Are?”

MATTHEW 21:23-27



- Government in authority over its citizens (Romans 13:1-7; I Peter 2:17)
- Employers in authority over their employees (Ephesians 6:5-9; I Peter 2:18)
- Husbands in authority over their wives (Ephesians 5:22; Colossians 3:18; I Peter 3:1)
- Parents in authority over their children (Ephesians 6:1-3)
- Elders in authority over the church (Hebrews 13:17)

Examples of Biblical Authority Structures



- Angels in authority over mankind (Psalms 8:5)
- Man in authority over creation (Psalm 8:6-8)
- Jesus Christ in authority over mankind (I Corinthians 11:3)

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“God did not inherit his authority—there was no one to bequeath it to him. God did not receive his authority—there was no one to bestow it on him. God’s authority did not come by...



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“...way of an election—there was no one to vote for him. God did not seize his authority—there was no one from whom to steal it. God did not earn his authority—it was already his.”



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Jesus' Final Week (Passion Week)

SUNDAY	Triumphal Entry
MONDAY	Request from Greeks to see Jesus, cleansing the Temple
Tuesday	<i>Cursing of the fig tree</i> , challenge to Christ's authority , Olivet Discourse
WEDNESDAY	Arrangements for betrayal
THURSDAY	Last Supper, Upper Room Discourse
FRIDAY	Betrayal, arrest, trials, crucifixion, burial
SATURDAY	
SUNDAY	Post-resurrection appearances

KEY POINT:

You might challenge Jesus' authority, but you cannot remove His authority.



I. Jesus is confronted on the source of His authority (vs. 23).

Outline of Matthew 21:23-27



- From the Hasidim who led revolts against Antiochus Epiphanes
- The word “Pharisee” means “separated one.”
- They knew God’s Law almost word-perfect.
- They were the “religious” of the religious leaders.



Pharisees



Scribes

- Pharisees that were experts in the O.T. law
- Doctrinal consultants

- Began in the days of Solomon with priests referred to as the Zadokites
- Not a religious group, but a political group
- Usually wealthy aristocrats
- Didn't care about doctrine; Denied the resurrection, the supernatural, and angels



Sadducees



Herodians

- Strict supporters of Herod the Great that often conspired against Jesus (Matt 21:15; Mark 3:6; 12:13)
- Not a religious group like the Pharisees, but more political like the Sadducees

- Rose to power during the lifetime of Jesus during the days of Judas Maccabeus
- Simon (not Peter) likely was a zealot.
- Often resorted to violence and even assassination attempts to further their cause



Zealots



- “Came about” around the turn of the century from 1 B.C. to A.D. 1
- A wilderness group that were monkish in their practice and from the area surrounding Qumran

Essenes

²⁶ For as the Father has life in himself, so he has granted the Son also to have life in himself. ²⁷ And HE HAS GIVEN HIM AUTHORITY to execute judgment, because he is the Son of Man.

(John 5:26-27)

**Jesus Received Authority from
the Father.**



*No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord.
I have authority to lay it down, and I have authority to take it
up again. This charge I have received FROM MY FATHER.*

(John 10:18)

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...All authority in heaven and on earth HAS BEEN GIVEN to me.
(Matthew 28:18)

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- II. Jesus counters their question (vs. 24-27).

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*Answer not a fool according to his folly,
lest you be like him yourself.*

Proverbs 26:4



- The forerunner to the Messiah
- Prophesied by Isaiah (40:3) and Malachi (4:5-6)
- Was Elijah-like (Luke 1:17)



**John the
Baptist**

A voice cries: 'In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD; make straight in the desert a highway for our God.'

Isaiah 40:3



⁵ Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the great and awesome day of the LORD comes. ⁶ And he will turn the hearts of fathers to their children and the hearts of children to their fathers, lest I come and strike the land with a decree of utter destruction.

Malachi 4:5-6



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