

How do you handle authority? Do you compete or comply, challenge or cooperate with it? A dramatic scene was playing out near the Temple after Jesus cleared it of crooked money changers, “and would not allow anyone to carry merchandise through the temple courts.” Surrounded by angry spiritual leaders, Jesus was verbally attacked with questions about his authority “Who do you think you are? What makes you think you can get away with this? Who died and made you God?” So, what does His authority have to do with your confidence in Him and with how you represent Him when truth, as you know it, is under public scrutiny?

***Authority questions and issues***

***Authority decisions***

***Authority denied and applied***

## ***Personal Application and Interaction***

1. How do you relate to authority? Do you comply, resist, cooperate, embrace, grouse, complain, demand...?
2. Why did the Jewish leaders attack Jesus (Luke 20:1, NASB, NKJV) over His authority to say and do what He did?
3. Why do you think He responded to their question with a question? What's in His response for your serious contemplation?
4. Why did Jesus refuse to answer their question about His authority?
5. What did you learn about His authority? What did you learn about your authority to think, believe, and speak on matters of the soul and spirit?



# Authority

*Mark 11:27-33*

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