

The Book of Mark:

By Whose Authority Do You Live?

They arrived again in Jerusalem, and while Jesus was walking in the temple courts, the chief priests, the teachers of the law and the elders came to him. ²⁸ "By what authority are you doing these things?" they asked. "And who gave you authority to do this?"

²⁹ Jesus replied, "I will ask you one question. Answer me, and I will tell you by what authority I am doing these things. ³⁰ John's baptism—was it from heaven, or of human origin? Tell me!"

³¹ They discussed it among themselves and said, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will ask, 'Then why didn't you believe him?' ³² But if we say, 'Of human origin' ..." (They feared the people, for everyone held that John really was a prophet.)

³³ So they answered Jesus, "We don't know."

Jesus said, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things."

Mark 11:27-33 (NIV)

The people were amazed at his teaching, because he taught them as one who had authority, not as the teachers of the law.

Mark 1:22 (NIV)

The people were all so amazed that they asked each other, "What is this? A new teaching—and with authority!"

Mark 1:27 (NIV)

So when the people gathered together, Pilate said to them, "Whom do you want me to release for you: Barabbas, or Jesus who is called Christ?" ¹⁸ For he knew that it was because of envy that they had handed Him over.

Matthew 27:17-18 (NIV)

The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, "Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!"

John 1:29 (NIV)

I will send my messenger, who will prepare the way before me. Then suddenly the Lord you are seeking will come to his temple;

Malachi 3:1 (NIV)

There was a man sent from God whose name was John. ⁷ He came as a witness to testify concerning that light, so that through him all might believe. ⁸ He himself was not the light; he came only as a witness to the light.

John 1:6-8 (NIV)

The chief priests and the teachers of the law heard this and began looking for a way to kill him, for they feared him, because the whole crowd was amazed at his teaching.

Mark 11:18 (NIV)

! _____ do not want to recognize Jesus' _____ in their lives.

*“All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.”
Matthew 28:18 (NIV)*

*There is a judge for the one who rejects me and does not accept my words; the very words I
have spoken will condemn them at the last day.
John 12:48 (NIV)*

*It saves you by the resurrection of Jesus Christ, ²² who has gone into heaven and is at God’s
right hand—with angels, authorities and powers in submission to him.
1 Peter 3:22 (NIV)*

! However, Scripture gives Jesus _____ authority.

*Why do the nations conspire
and the peoples plot in vain?
² The kings of the earth rise up
and the rulers band together
against the LORD and against his anointed, saying,
³ “Let us break their chains
and throw off their shackles.”
Psalm 2:1-3 (NIV)*

Here is the sobering part:

! Jesus will not _____ his authority on you...._____.

*“If anyone hears my words but does not keep them, I do not judge that person. For I did not
come to judge the world, but to save the world. ⁴⁸ There is a judge for the one who rejects me
and does not accept my words; the very words I have spoken will condemn them at the last
day.
John 12:47-48 (NIV)*