

Jesus

Who is This Guy?

Learn about Him
to Live like Him



JESUS IN THE GOSPEL OF MARK

Punchline

God gives authority and is authority



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

Mark 11: 27 NIV



“By what authority are you doing these things?” they asked. “And who gave you authority to do this?”

Mark 11: 28 NIV



Jesus replied, “I will ask you one question. Answer me, and I will tell you by what authority I am doing these things.

Mark 11: 29 NIV



John's baptism—was it from heaven, or of human origin? Tell me!”

Mark 11: 30 NIV



The Questions

- **The Sanhedrin wants to trap Jesus**
- **“By what authority are you doing these things” - Sanhedrin to Jesus**
- **“Was John’s baptism from heaven or human origin?” - Jesus to Sanhedrin**



They discussed it among themselves and said, “If we say, ‘From heaven,’ he will ask, ‘Then why didn’t you believe him?’”

Mark 11: 31 NIV



But if we say, ‘Of human origin’ ...” (They feared the people, for everyone held that John really was a prophet.)

Mark 11: 32 NIV



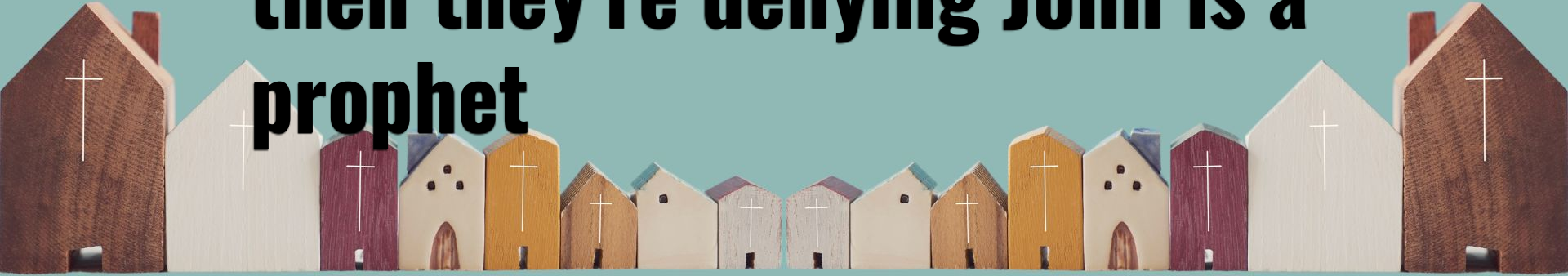
So they answered Jesus, “We don’t know.” Jesus said, “Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.”

Mark 11: 33 NIV



The Answers

- If Sanhedrin says from heaven then they should have repented and followed Jesus
- If Sanhedrin says from human origin then they're denying John is a prophet



The Answers

- **“We don’t know” - Sanhedrin**
- **“Then I won’t tell you” - Jesus**



Authority

- **“Legal or moral right to exercise power that is rightly possessed. Biblically God is presented as the ultimate, personal authority and source of all authority.” (Zondervan Bible Dictionary)**





God's Authority

- **Why do we submit to it?**
 - **Created in the image of God and to serve and steward His creation**



God's Authority

- **How it plays out**
 - **God lays out the guidelines and standards as to how to live as we go about His mission**



God's Authority

- **We are under other authority
(Romans 13: 1-2)**
 - **Don't ignore rules and authority
because you don't like the rule**



Act On God's Authority

➤ **We are called to make disciples of all nations (Matt 28: 18-20)**



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FROM
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Act On God's Authority

- Be a **VISIBLE** disciple of Jesus
- Be an **ENGAGING** disciple of Jesus





Act On God's Authority

- **Arrogance**
- **Authoritarianism**
- **Success**



God's Authority

- **Surrender to it**
- **Act on it**
- **Avoid the traps that come with it**

