

**Valley Bible Church
Sermon Notes for June 7, 1987**

**The Authority of Jesus
Matthew 21:23-32
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Introduction: “Authority,” what does this mean: lawful, right over something.

Confrontation: Jesus was operating completely separate from the “religious authority.” Jesus was in the temple preaching the gospel, “repent for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.”

“By what authority,” ask the Sanhedrin. The chief priests ask a reasonable question, but their motive is sick. They know that Jesus has proclaimed Himself Messiah.

Jesus counters their question with a question of John’s baptism. What source was it from, heaven or men?

Jesus goes on to tell a story that will explain what is going on that very day.