

(Study from Jack Gabbert on The Life Of Christ)

### A QUESTION BY THE CHIEF PRIESTS, SCRIBES AND ELDERES

**TEXT:** Matthew 21:23-27; Mark 11:27-33; Luke 20:1-8

**PLACE:** Jerusalem, in the Temple

**TIME:** Tuesday (The longest recorded day in Jesus' life.)

#### ◆ A Personal Question

➡ Who came with the question?

➡ The question: "By what \_\_\_\_\_ are you doing these things, ... and \_\_\_\_\_ gave you this authority."

- What was their intent in this question?

➡ Jesus' Answer: He answers with a challenge, Matthew 21:24; Mark 11:29; Luke 20:3 and then the answer/question - "Was the baptism of John from \_\_\_\_\_, or from \_\_\_\_\_."

- What was their reasoning?
- So they answered, "We do \_\_\_\_\_ know."
- So Jesus said, "\_\_\_\_\_ you by what authority I do these things."

### FAITHFUL DISCHARGE OF RESPONSIBILITY TAUGHT BY THREE PARABLES

**TEXT:** Matthew 21:28-22:4; Mark 12:1-12; Luke 20:9-19

Jesus' answer is now to be made more powerful by a series of parables which clearly reveal the character and motives of His enemies.

#### ◆ The Parable of the Two Sons

➡ First read the parable.

➡ The question, "\_\_\_\_\_ of the two did the \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_?" Their answer?

➡ Then Jesus said, "Truly, I say to you that the \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_ will get into the Kingdom of God \_\_\_\_\_ you."

- Read Matthew 21:32 for Jesus' stinging conclusion.

### ◆ The Parable of the Vineyard

- ➡ Read the parable and discuss the identity of 1) the landowner; 2) vine-growers; 3) the ones sent by the landowner; 4) the son. Cp. Isaiah 5:1-7
- ➡ What question did Jesus then ask? The answer?
- ➡ This section on the chief "cornerstone" is a key section. Read and discuss: 1) Who is the chief corner stone? 2) Who are the builders who rejected it? Also read Jesus' statement in Matthew's conclusion.
- ➡ What was the Jew's response?

### ◆ The Parable of the Wedding Feast

- ➡ Read the parable and identify: 1) the king and son; 2) those who rejected the invitation; 3) the last one invited; 4) the one not properly dressed.

Summary: It all started with a question meant to trap Jesus and ended up being a question which trapped the questioners. Jesus completely "turned the tables" on the Jews. They were the villains in all three parables - they knew it and the people around listening knew it. One would think that they would have had enough, but the day is not over. They return again with more questions to trap.