



## **The Book of Mark**

### A Question of Authority

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#### **The Passage:**

Mark 11:27-33

#### **The Questions:**

What “things” are the chief priests and the scribes referring to?

What motivated the chief priests and the scribes to question Jesus’ authority? What was their ultimate goal?

What else has been said in Mark’s Gospel about the authority of Jesus? (hint: Mark 1:27)

What is the connection between the Baptism of John and the authority of Jesus?

What role did fear play in the actions of the chief priests and scribes, both in this passage and in the previous passage (11:12-25)?

Why might Jesus have avoided answering their question? Can we learn something from his response?