

All Authority in Heaven and on Earth.....

To start with read Mark 11:27-12:17 and share anything that jumped out at you, or questions that you may have. Then answer the questions below.

Episode 1 – Denying the authority of Jesus (Mark 11:27-33)

1. The chief priests, the teachers of the law and the elders asked Jesus “by what authority was he doing these things?” What do you think ‘these things’ refers to?
2. Why do you think that chief priests, the teachers of the law and the elders asked Jesus the question in v28 (by what authority he was doing these things and who had given him that authority?)
3. Did the religious leaders believe that John the Baptist was a prophet from God? Give reasons for your answer from the passage.
4. Did the religious leaders believe that Jesus had authority? If so from whom?
5. In Jesus’ question to the religious leaders he only gives two possibilities for where the authority came from for the baptism that John performed. What are they and which one does the bible attest to. (John 1:6-8)

Episode 2 – The Parable of the Tenants (Mark 12:1-12)

1. In this parable from Jesus (which is in part a retelling of Isaiah 5:1-7). Who are the different roles meant to represent?
2. What story is being conveyed in verses 1-5 of the parable?
3. What do verses 6 & 7 tell the story of?
4. Verse 9 is the rightful consequence for what the villain’s in this story have done. When the religious leaders realise that this is talking about them what is their response? (Read 2 Samuel 12:1-14) to see what the right response should have been.
5. What does Jesus convey about himself in quoting Psalm 118:22,23 in Mark 12:10-11?

Episode 3 – All True Authority is God's (Mark 12:13-17)

1. When Jesus says to the Pharisees and Herodians “Give back to Caesar what is Caesar’s and to God what is God’s, what does he mean?
2. Does Caesar have any true authority, that is authority from God? (Romans 13:1)
3. What authority does Jesus have? (Matt 28:18, John 17:1-2, Daniel 7:14)
4. Why is it important to talk about the authority of Jesus?
5. Has this study on the authority of Jesus been a help or encouragement? Why or why not?