

# **Challenging Authority**

**Matthew 21:23-32** (page989)

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## Challenging & Confronting

23. Jesus entered the temple courts, and, while he was teaching, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him  
“By **what authority** are you doing these things?” they asked.  
“And **who** gave you this authority?”

## Questioning His Credentials?

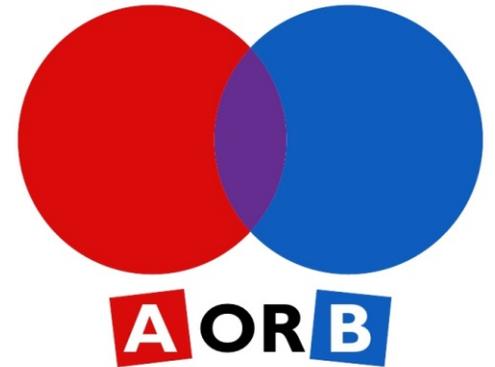


24. Jesus replied, “I will also ask you one question. If you answer me, I will tell you by what authority I am doing these things.

On One  
**Condition**

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25. John's baptism—where did it come from?  
Was it from **heaven**, or of **human** origin?"



- They discussed it among themselves and said, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will ask, 'Then why didn't you believe him

26. But if we say, 'Of human origin'—we are afraid of the people, for they all hold that John was a prophet."



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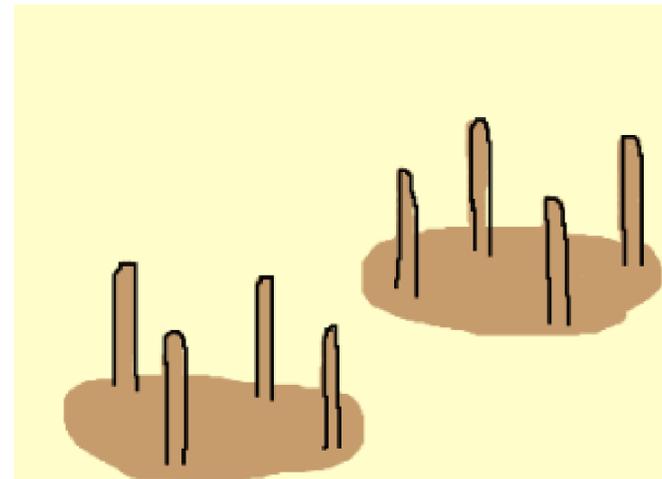
28. “What do you think? There was a man who had two sons. He went to the first and said, ‘Son, go and work today in the vineyard.’
29. “‘I will not,’ he answered, but later he changed his mind and went.
30. “Then the father went to the other son and said the same thing. He answered, ‘I will, sir,’ but he did not go.
31. “Which of the two did what his father wanted?” “The first,” they answered. **Jesus said to them,**

## Confronting

31. *“Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are entering the kingdom of God ahead of you.*
32. *For John came to you to show you the way of righteousness, and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes did. And even after you saw this, you did not repent and believe him*

# Having Their Motives And Unbelief Exposed

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What did they achieved by challenging **“The Authority Of Jesus”**?



