

Mentorship: Study Notes

Sermon Notes:

Some authority in our lives is the type of authority that we obey because of the fear of consequences.

Other authority is authority based on knowledge or experience.

-When Jesus taught the people commented that he was one who taught with authority. The religious leaders questioned this though. Let's look at that.

Passage: Mark 11:27-33

Why does Jesus answer their question with a question?

Jesus was directly connected to John the Baptist.

It was John that said **"behold the lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world"**

It was John that baptized Jesus, and when this happened the Spirit of God descended on Jesus like a dove and a voice came from heaven, **"you are my dearly loved son, and you bring me great joy."**

Where does Jesus authority come from?

Mark 9 we see the transfiguration of Jesus. **"this is my dearly loved son. Listen to him."**

If we continue to Mark 12 Jesus tells a parable/story about a vineyard, pointing to his divinity.

The biggest application to this part of the story is this....

Do you accept the authority of Jesus? and more importantly **Do you obey Him?**

Who is Jesus?

-Was Jesus a liar? Was Jesus Crazy?

The last question though is this.....

Are the 4 books about Jesus life reliable?

things to look at for reliability

-when was it written?

-where was it written?

-cultural accuracy?

-motivational questions?

What about other teachings of Jesus that are being discovered like the Gospel of Thomas, peter, mary, secret gospel of mark?

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-All of them are seen to be written at the earliest end of second century. Easily 150 to 200 years after Jesus. All of these have cultural inaccuracies, were written farther away, obvious motivational questions.

We don't place authority and faith on Jesus because of blind faith, but we do it because the pieces match up.

John 14:15-17

Matthew 15:3

Life Group Discussion

(feel free to use any or all of these questions)

Start Up Questions:

1. Have you ever had a run in with an authority figure before? what happened?
2. In your opinion what are the biggest obstacles people encounter when it comes to a faith in Jesus?

Study & Discussion:

Read together: Mark 11:27-33

1. *The people of Jesus day struggled with Jesus authority. The religious leaders specifically didn't think He had the authority to do or say some of the things he said and did.* In what ways do we as a culture or even personally struggle with Jesus authority in our lives today?
2. How is the authority of the bible similar or different from the authority of Jesus?

Read together: Hebrews 8:13 and 2 Timothy 3:16-17

1. How do you reconcile these two passages? do they contradict each other or complement each other? How?
2. As a follower of Jesus how is this lived out balancing these two passages?

Prayer: (this can be done before or after the study)

1. Is there someone or something outside the group you would like prayer for today?
2. What would you like to receive prayer for today?