

Preparing for Easter

“The Authority of Jesus”

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Luke 20:1-8

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I. Authority Comes From God- Not Titles (vs. 1)

- A. Chief Priests
- B. Teachers of the Law
- C. Elders

II. Spiritual Authority Exposes Hearts (vs. 2)

- A. Fear Factor (Luke 4:32, 36; 5:24)
- B. Lack of Spiritual Honesty
- C. Time and Truth Always Travel Together

III. Wisdom Is Part of Authority (vs. 3-7)

- A. Discernment
- B. Strategic Wisdom
- C. Dealing with foolish challenges (Matthew 16:13-16)

IV. Authority of Jesus Wins (vs. 8)

- A. True Authority beats Manipulation
- B. True Authority beats Tradition and Religion
- C. True Authority beats Criticism

Application:

- What tradition is keeping you from the authority of God?
- What walls of religion are keeping you from the authority of God?
- What is God saying to you right now?