

Mark 11:27 - 33

"By Whose Authority"

The next day...

The Jewish ruling elite

²⁷ They *came again to Jerusalem. And as He was walking in

the temple, the chief priests and the scribes and the elders

*came to Him, ²⁸ and *began* saying to Him, "By what

authority are You doing these things, or who gave You this

authority to do these things?" ²⁹ And Jesus said to them, "I

will ask you one question, and you answer Me, and *then* I will

tell you by what authority I do these things. ³⁰ Was the

baptism of John from heaven, or from men? Answer

Me." ³¹ They began reasoning among themselves, saying, "If

we say, 'From heaven,' He will say, 'Then why did you not

believe him?' ³² But shall we say, 'From men?'"—they were

afraid of the people, for everyone considered John to have

been a real prophet. ³³ Answering Jesus, they *said, "We do

not know." And Jesus *said to them, "Nor will I tell you by

what authority I do these things."

"What gives You the right to shut down our temple activity?"

"The Prophet who announced Me... what are You do with him?"

Was he divinely sent? or was he a false prophet?"

"either way we are going to be seen as infidels..."

"We will not go on to acknowledge the Old Testament annunciation of messiah..."

"So I will not reveal who I am"