

**WHEN JESUS  
USES A  
QUESTION  
MARK**

A Look into Your Heart with the Savior.

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**Which One  
Did the Will  
of His Father?**

Matthew 21:23-32

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<sup>23</sup> And when he entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came up to him as he was teaching, and said, "By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?"



Matthew 21:23-32

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<sup>24</sup> Jesus answered them, “I also will ask you one question, and if you tell me the answer, then I also will tell you by what authority I do these things.

Matthew 20:24-35




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<sup>25</sup> The baptism of John, from where did it come? From heaven or from man?” And they discussed it among themselves, saying, “If we say, ‘From heaven,’ he will say to us, ‘Why then did you not believe him?’

Matthew 20:24-35




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<sup>26</sup> But if we say, ‘From man,’ we are afraid of the crowd, for they all hold that John was a prophet.” <sup>27</sup> So they answered Jesus, “We do not know.”

Matthew 20:24-35




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And he said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I do these things.

Matthew 20:24-35




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<sup>28</sup> "What do you think? A man had two sons. And he went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work in the vineyard today.'

Matthew 20:24-35




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<sup>29</sup> And he answered, 'I will not,' but afterward he changed his mind and went. <sup>30</sup> And he went to the other son and said the same. And he answered, 'I go, sir,' but did not go.

Matthew 20:24-35




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<sup>31</sup> Which of the two did the will of his father?" They said, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Truly, I say to you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes go into the kingdom of God before you.

Matthew 20:24-35




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<sup>32</sup> For John came to you in the way of righteousness, and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him.

Matthew 20:24-35




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And even when you saw it, you did not afterward change your minds and believe him.

Matthew 20:24-35




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How Far Does Jesus' Authority  
Go?

Three Declarations

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Jesus Has Authority over All  
His Creation.

V.31a Which of the two did the will of  
his father?

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*God's Authority Reaches  
Personally into the Life of  
Every Human Being.*

*No Special Group is Exempted.*

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**Jesus Has the Authority to  
Forgive the Darkest Sin.**

V.31 “Truly, I say to you, the tax  
collectors and the prostitutes go  
into the kingdom of God before you.

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*God’s Authority to Forgive is  
Bottomless, but it is  
Impossible to Please Him on  
Your Own Terms.*

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**Jesus Has Authority to  
Judge Our Answer to Him.**

V.32 For John came to you in the way  
of righteousness, and you did not  
believe him, but the tax collectors  
and the prostitutes believed him.

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*Let God's Authority to Sit as  
Judge Bring to Our Attention  
His Humility to Hang as Savior.*

*Our Answer to Him Will Be One  
or the Other.*

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**Like Those in This Story . . .  
You've Heard.  
You've Seen.**

**How Will You Answer.**

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