Sermon Mark **11:27-33** **WHO’s IN CHARGE?** 9-21-2019 T Neumann

“The characteristic of Jesus that left **the most lasting impression** on his followers and causes the greatest offense to his opponents **was his** sovereign freedom and magisterial **authority**.” *The Gospel According to Mark, p 350. James Edwards,*  *Pillar New Testament Commentary, 2002*

He answers The Sanhedrin’s question with a question.

The right answer to His question—is the right answer to their question.

-------- The past 34 sermons we have seen:

He would forgive sin

He would heal the sick

He would give sight to the blind

He would open the ears of the deaf

He would raise the dead

He would calm the sea

He would walk on water

He would multiply a few loaves and fish to feed thousands

He would bind the strongman Satan himself

He would redefine the purpose of the sabbath

He would declare himself to be lord of the sabbath

each time he said “truly I say to you”, He presumes to speak with the authority of god.

He cursed the fig tree

He cleansed the temple

He identified the temple as ‘my house’

He questions the religious leaders and twice –

He insisted that they answer him- “answer me”.

lastly-

He refused to answer them.

APPLICATION:

1. Where might you need to **submit** to Him and His **authority** in your life today? Where might you be **resisting** His authority? Where might you be in **rebellion** to him that He has expressed as a clear command?

Read **Ps 119** every day for a week and feel the lasting impression on your soul to joyfully embrace his commands.

2. You may need some **assurance** for your **weary soul.**

**John 10:27-28, Col 1:22**

Feel the lasting impression of his authoritative assurance.

3. Perhaps you need fresh **assurance** of **sanctifying grace**.

**Phil 1:6**

Feel the lasting impression of His life-giving authoritative promise

4. You may be needing fresh **assurance** in the midst of **painful and perplexing circumstances** and **suffering**.

**1 Peter 5:10, Rom 8:28, Jude 24-25**

Feel the lasting impression of His authoritative promise.

5. Lastly, it was His authority that led to His death on a cross.

He did it **for you**:

Luke 22:42 **Not my will**, but yours be done.

Phil 2:8 **Humbled himself** becoming obedient to death on a cross.

Gal 2:20 Who loved me and gave himself **for me**.

1 Pet 3:18 Christ dies **for us** – righteous for the unrighteous- to bring us to God.

OH! What a Savior!