

Mark 11:27-33; 12:1-37

Mark 11:27-33 – Chief Priests, Scribes, Elders (Sanhedrin) Challenge Jesus' Authority

1. The elites and the national leadership
2. Two questions:
 - a. Who gave you this authority?
 - b. What authority to you do these things:
 - i. Enter Jerusalem like royalty
 - ii. Turn tables over in temple
3. Messianic claims will be the focus of his trial
4. Romans (with Jews) bring execution for:
 - a. Insurrection
 - b. False prophets
5. John's ministry was linked to Jesus' ministry
 - a. If they accept John as a prophet, why do they reject the man John identified?
 - b. If they reject John, then, well...the people will oppose them...
6. Jesus demands authority by repeating "Answer Me" and making it emphatic at the end of the Greek sentence in 11:29-30:

	3588 [e]	1161 [e]	2424 [e]	2036 [e]	846 [e]	1905 [e]	4771 [e]	1520 [e]	3056 [e]	2532 [e]
	Ho	de	Iésous	eipen	autois	Eperôtēsō	hymas	hena	logon	kai
29	Ὁ	δὲ	Ἰησοῦς	εἶπεν	αὐτοῖς ,	Ἐπερωτήσω	ὑμᾶς	ἓνα	λόγον ,	καὶ
	-	And	Jesus	said	to them	I will ask	you	one	question	and
	Art-NMS	Conj	N-NMS	V-AIA-3S	PPro-DM3P	V-FIA-1S	Pro-A2P	Adj-AMS	N-AMS	Conj

	611 [e]	1473 [e]	2532 [e]	2046 [e]	4771 [e]	1722 [e]	4169 [e]	1849 [e]	3778 [e]	4160 [e]
	apokrihēte	moi	kai	erō	hymīn	en	poia	exousia	tauta	poiō
	ἀποκρίθητέ	μοι ,	καὶ	ἔρω	ὑμῖν	ἐν	ποῖα	ἐξουσία	ταῦτα	ποιῶ .
	you answer	Me	and	I will tell	you	by	what	authority	these things	I do
	V-AMP-2P	Pro-D1S	Conj	V-FIA-1S	Pro-D2P	Prep	IPro-DFS	N-DFS	DPro-ANP	V-PIA-1S

	3588 [e]	908 [e]	3588 [e]	2491 [e]	1537 [e]	3772 [e]	1510 [e]	2228 [e]	1537 [e]	444 [e]	611 [e]	1473 [e]
	to	baptisma	to	Iōannou	ex	ouranou	ēn	e	ex	anthrōpōn	apokrihēte	moi
30	τὸ	βάπτισμα	τὸ	Ἰωάννου	, ἐξ	οὐρανοῦ	ἦν ,	ἡ	ἐξ	ἀνθρώπων ?	ἀποκρίθητέ	μοι .
	The	baptism	-	of John	, from	heaven	was it	or	from	men	Answer	Me
	Art-NNS	N-NNS	Art-NNS	N-GMS	Prep	N-GMS	V-IIA-3S	Conj	Prep	N-GMP	V-AMP-2P	Pro-D1S

7. 11:33, they don't finish the "if" statement, and just leave the consequences of their answer hang unspoken...

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	alla	eipōmen	Ex	anthrōpōn	ēphobounto	ton	ochlon	hapantes	gar	eichon	ton	Iōannēn	ontōs
32	ἀλλὰ	εἶπωμεν	, Ἐξ	ἀνθρώπων ...	ἐφοβοῦντο	τὸν	ὄχλον ;	ἅπαντες	γὰρ	εἶχον	τὸν	Ἰωάννην	ὄντως
	But	should we say	From	men	they were afraid of	the	people	all	for	were holding	-	John	truly
	Conj	V-ASA-1P	Prep	N-GMP	V-IIM/P-3P	Art-AMS	N-AMS	Adj-NMP	Conj	V-IIA-3P	Art-AMS	N-AMS	Adv

	3754 [e]	4396 [e]	1510 [e]
	hoti	prophētēs	ēn
	ὅτι	προφήτης	ἦν .
	that	a prophet	he was
	Conj	N-NMS	V-IIA-3S

8. Their hypocrisy is evident to the crowd. Their answer was not based on what they believed, but what would not get them into trouble.
9. Since they admit they do not know:
 - a. They are humiliated by Jesus' questioning
 - b. They show they have no ability to discern God's will (John the Baptist? Yes or No?...they couldn't answer), so they admit they have no ability or authority to judge the source of Jesus' authority.

Mark **12:1-12** – **Jesus tells parable to reveal the Jewish elites and leadership**

1. Speak to "them" religious leaders, the elites in parables
2. Here the parables are used to reveal the truth to the listeners (leaders). Earlier in Mark the parables were used to hide the truth from the leaders. Jesus is beginning to reveal he is the Messiah to the leaders for them to accept or reject.
3. Isaiah 5:1-7 – Israel is the vineyard that must produce good fruit or be run over by Assyria. Israel, Judah, Jerusalem is the vineyard in:
 - a. Isaiah 1:8
 - b. Isaiah 3:4
 - c. Isaiah 5:1-7
 - d. Isaiah 27:2
 - e. Ezekiel 19:10
 - f. Jeremiah 12:10
4. The tenants renting the vineyard would not be the poor, but the wealthy commercial farming corporations managing several farms and vineyards for owners who lived in other lands.
5. This parable is outrageous concerning:
 - a. The behavior of the tenants
 - b. The patience of the owner
6. Psalm 118:22-23 and 25-26
 - a. Hallel psalm recited at Passover
 - b. 118:25-26 recited by crowd at triumphal entry
 - c. 118:22-23 is the rejection of the cornerstone.
 - d. By quoting this Psalm about the Messiah on the temple mount Jesus is claiming to be the cornerstone of a new building of God
7. The messianic secret is being unveiled

Mark **12:13-17** – **Herodians and Pharisees: Taxes and Caesar's Image on Coins in the Temple**

1. "Tiberius Caesar, son of the divine Augustus, himself Augustus"
2. Tax from 6AD a poll or head tax that Judas the Galilean revolted against and the Zealot movement picked up on to spark the Jewish war of 66-70 AD
3. Denarius of Caesar Tiberias (14-37 AD)

Mark **12:18-27** – **Sadducees and the Resurrection**

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Mark **12:28-34** – **A Scribe asks about the Greatest Commandment**

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Mark **12:35-37** – **Jesus asks a question about David's son called "Lord"**

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