

# THE AUTHORITY OF JESUS

## *Luke 19:45-20:8*

Authority in spiritual matters often flows from: 1) personal \_\_\_\_\_ 2) traditional \_\_\_\_\_  
3) \_\_\_\_\_ 4) \_\_\_\_\_ might 5) \_\_\_\_\_ 6) threat of \_\_\_\_\_

### I. JESUS CLAIMED AUTHORITY BY VIRTUE OF HIS IDENTITY AS \_\_\_\_\_

#### A. The Meaning of “Messiah” and “Christ”

- 1) Messiah is the word in OT Hebrew and Christ is the word in NT Greek that means \_\_\_\_\_
- 2) These words point back to the practice in the OT of anointing those in certain offices with \_\_\_\_\_
  - a) According to Leviticus 8:10-12, Moses anointed the tabernacle and Aaron as \_\_\_\_\_
  - b) Samuel anointed Saul the first king of Israel; after Saul’s disobedience, Samuel anointed \_\_\_\_\_
  - c) 1 Kings 19:16 indicates that it was common practice in Israel to also anoint \_\_\_\_\_
- 3) This act was very significant: it symbolized that \_\_\_\_\_ worked in these individuals in 2 ways:
  - a) God \_\_\_\_\_ them and sanctified them—set them apart for His special purposes
  - b) Anointing with oil symbolized the divine enabling of the \_\_\_\_\_ of God for these three offices
- 4) In the history of Israel, God forbade any one \_\_\_\_\_ from fulfilling more than 1 of these 3 offices  
The exception to this rule is the \_\_\_\_\_ whom God promised would fulfill all 3 of these offices

#### B. Jesus Deliberately and Publicly Claimed the Offices of King, Priest and \_\_\_\_\_

- 1) Jesus deliberately and publicly claimed the office of King at His \_\_\_\_\_ entry into Jerusalem
- 2) When Jesus arrived in Jerusalem, He went to the \_\_\_\_\_ to claim to be the anointed High Priest
  - a) At the temple, He drove Big Business out: \_\_\_\_\_ and those who sold \_\_\_\_\_ for sacrifice  
By reforming the worship at the temple, Jesus claimed authority that superseded the \_\_\_\_\_
  - b) When Jesus cleansed the temple, He quoted from the OT claiming the temple was “ \_\_\_\_\_ house”
  - c) Jesus was days from the \_\_\_\_\_ where He would do the work of the high priest once and for all
- 3) Luke 19:47-20:1 indicate that Jesus continually \_\_\_\_\_ in the temple in His role as Prophet  
The common Jews “hung on His words”; the people had long recognized Him as a great \_\_\_\_\_

### II. THE LEADERS OF JEWISH INSTITUTIONAL RELIGION \_\_\_\_\_ JESUS’ AUTHORITY

#### A. What Was the Purpose of These Questions in Luke 20:2?

- 1) The religious leaders asked the \_\_\_\_\_ of the authority by which Jesus was DOING these things
- 2) Not Pharisees, they were the official religious leaders of Israel, determined to keep their \_\_\_\_\_
- 3) They were seeking to justify killing Jesus; their question was a heads-I-win, tails-you-lose \_\_\_\_\_

#### B. The Counter-Question of Jesus Focused on the \_\_\_\_\_ Issue

- 1) Jesus’ question went to the heart of the matter: What authority do you recognize: \_\_\_\_\_ or men?
- 2) The leaders refused to give an answer because the only authority they recognized was their \_\_\_\_\_

Application: The key issue for many who call themselves atheists is not that they cannot believe in God, but rather that they refuse to give anyone, even God, authority in their lives but \_\_\_\_\_  
Others who are religious still choose to follow traditional, human religious authority rather than \_\_\_\_\_