

Verse 27

Jewish Leaders:

- Chief Priests
- Scribes
- Elders

Verse 28

Jesus Confronts And Challenges The Status Quo

Hosea 9:10 - *“Like grapes in the wilderness, I found Israel. Like the first fruit on the fig tree in its first season, I saw your fathers. But they came to Baal-peor and consecrated themselves to the thing of shame, and became detestable like the thing they loved.”*

Jesus’ Actions Are Significant Statements Of His Authority

Jesus Is Not Merely A Messenger Of Divine Authority, He Is A Possessor of Divine Authority

Verse 29

Jesus Is The Master Of Wisdom

C.S. Lewis – *“The more we let God take us over, the more truly ourselves we become”*

Verse 30

“Do you think God was behind John’s mission or not?”

Mark 1:1-5 – *“The beginning of the good news about Jesus the Messiah,[a] the Son of God, as it is written in Isaiah the prophet: “I will send my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way”— “a voice of one calling in the wilderness, ‘Prepare the way for the Lord, make straight paths for him.’” And so John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness, preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. The whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem went out to him. Confessing their sins, they were baptized by him in the Jordan River.”*

Matthew 3:7-10 – *“But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming to his baptism, he said to them, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruit in keeping with repentance. And do not presume to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our father,’ for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children for*

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Abraham. Even now the ax is laid to the root of the trees. Every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.”

Verses 31-33

Jesus’ Questions Always Require An Honest Reflection Of Our Hearts

God is more interested in sincere humility and a softened heart than prideful legalism and a desire to be in control.

Jesus Has Ultimate Authority Over My Life

Matthew 28:18 – “And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.”

Colossians 1:18 – “He (Christ) is the head of the body, the Church. He is the beginning, the first born from the dead, that in everything He might be preeminent.”

Scripture Reading: 1 Chronicles 29:10-13