

**Series: Mark (Jesus - the Son of God)**

**Sermon: The Authority of Jesus Questioned**

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**What is \_\_\_\_\_ by an authority cannot be \_\_\_\_\_ by a subordinate.**

When Jesus returns to the Temple after flipping tables, teaching about who God forgives, and killing a tree the leaders want to know “\_\_\_\_\_” he is doing those things.

The Chief Priests (*they were against Jesus*) believed they were the authorities \_\_\_\_\_.

Why did Jesus ask them what they thought about John? Because John confessed that \_\_\_\_\_, Israel's Messiah, and the Son of God on Earth.

**Mark of a bad leader:** (1) the Chief Priests didn't want to \_\_\_\_\_, (2) they didn't want to change themselves to conform to God, and (3) they were so \_\_\_\_\_ what people thought they didn't want to do anything to offend them.

**Jesus has done well over \_\_\_\_\_ EVENTS** already by the time he was challenged to prove his authority in the Temple.

**What is given by an authority cannot be removed by a subordinate.** \_\_\_\_\_.

The Chief Priests \_\_\_\_\_ remove his authority by questioning Jesus.

*Why didn't the Jewish leaders accept Jesus?* \_\_\_\_\_. It's hard to judge motives, but they didn't want to admit the truth. They probably selfishly **liked** how their lives were going and that \_\_\_\_\_, so they didn't want to bow down to someone else.

### **SELFISHNESS:**

Selfishness causes us (and the Jewish leaders) to not recognize when \_\_\_\_\_.

Selfishness causes a lack of accepting \_\_\_\_\_ even when it's obvious.

Selfishness causes \_\_\_\_\_ by bad people and bad leaders.

### **Practical Application:**

I gotta recognize Jesus as having \_\_\_\_\_ and bow down to him.

I gotta allow God to interrupt my plans and way of life. And when I do, I'll \_\_\_\_\_ eventually! The Temple leaders missed \_\_\_\_\_ because they were trying to hold on to the temporary joy they had.