

Sunday Sermon Questions • 8/17/2025

Mark 11:27–33

Pride and Position

In Mark 11:27–33, the religious leaders refused to answer Jesus' question out of pride and fear of losing influence. What are some ways that pride and or fear of losing status can keep us from acknowledging Jesus' authority?

The Limit of Patience

Jesus refused to answer the leaders because they had already rejected the truth. How does this passage challenge our assumptions about God's patience and the urgency of responding to Him?

Good Things, Wrong Place

The sermon compared Jesus' authority to our personal "lords" like family, finances, fitness, and fun. How can we discern when a good thing in our life has started to take God's rightful place?

Religious Yet Resistant

The religious leaders claimed to represent God but rejected both John the Baptist and Jesus. How can we guard ourselves from outwardly "looking religious" while inwardly resisting or even rejecting God's authority?

Actions Speak Loudest

If someone were to watch your life without hearing your words, what would they conclude about who (or what) is truly Lord over your life?

Prayer Prompt:

Lord Jesus, I confess that I have often let pride, fear, or other priorities take Your place in my life. Today I surrender every part of my heart to Your authority—align my actions with my words so my life declares that You are Lord. Show me one step I can take this week to walk more fully in obedience to You. Amen.