

THE FINISH - Tuesday

Mark 11:27-13:37; Matthew 21:23-25:46

This week continues our pre-Easter sermon series.

Are you planning to invite anyone to church on Easter? If so, who? If not, why not?

Is there anyone in your sphere of influence who does not attend church?

How do you think they would respond if you invited them to CEFC on Easter?

The sermon began with the image of having 3 days left to live.

If you knew you were going to die in three days, what would you do? What would you want your family to know? What would you put in order?

The first thing that happened on Jesus' last Tuesday was that the religious leaders questioned Jesus' authority and continued to refuse to submit to it, for which Jesus said they would face consequences.

Do you agree that we all have something we hold to as the authority for our lives? What does it mean to look to something as the "authority" in our lives?

What are some examples of things that people look to as the ultimate authority?

What are some objections people raise to putting God's word/Jesus as the authority for their life? Are those objections valid? How would you respond to them?

From Jesus' harsh criticism of the religious leaders the point was made that Jesus hates hypocrisy?

What does hypocrisy mean?

Is there a difference between (i) being a hypocrite and (ii) being someone who admittedly does not live a perfect life but strives to do better?

Have you ever encountered examples of hypocrisy? If so, how did those impact you?

Are there things that we can do to guard against hypocrisy?