WHO DO YOU THINK YOU ARE?
MARK 11:27-33 / 2-8-17 / WED

I. THE PLOT.

A. The plot was to use a question that would discredit Jesus regardless of how he answered it--11:27-28.

B. Jesus refused to answer their question, but his teachings, miracles and healings were proof of his authority.

II. THE ANSWER.

A. It was normal for a rabbi to answer a question with a question--11:29-30.

B. Jesus knew that these leaders didn't accept John as a prophet.

C. Now Jesus turned the tables on these leaders.

III. THE SHOWDOWN.

A. These leaders refused to answer--11:31-33a.

B. Jesus refused to fall into their trap--11:33b.

IV. THE QUESTION FOR US.

A. How can we recognize the authority of someone or some teaching?

B. There are only two possibilities.

1. What are the factors that comprise the authority of man?

   a. What the majority thinks.

   b. What some human leader says or thinks.

   c. What tradition says.

   d. What our conscience says--1 Cor 8:7b.

   e. What someone thinks or believes--Isa. 55:8-9.

   f. What someone feels is right may be wrong--Pro. 14:12.

2. What about the authority of God? 

   a. God gave Jesus His authority--Matt. 28:18.

c. Today God’s authority is found in His Word—2 Tim. 3:16-17.

d. Scripture then is our only authority—Acts 17:11.