

**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.

- b. Jesus delegated his authority to the apostles--John 13:20.
- 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.