

The Authority of Jesus Questioned - Luke 20:1-8

Topics: Authority, Deceit, Hypocrisy, Jesus Christ, Questions, Wisdom

Open It

1. How do you react to other people's hypocrisy?
- * 2. When has someone questioned authority that you rightfully possessed?

Explore It

3. Where did the events of this story take place? (20:1)
4. What was Jesus doing in the temple courts? (20:1)
5. Who approached Jesus while He was preaching in the temple? (20:1)
- * 6. What question did the religious leaders ask Jesus? (20:2)
7. How was Jesus put to the test? (20:2)
- * 8. In what way were the actions of the religious leaders hypocritical? (20:2-7)
9. Why did Jesus answer the religious leaders' question with another question? (20:3)
10. What was it about Jesus' question that stumped the religious leaders? (20:5-6)
11. How did the crowds' beliefs affect the religious leaders' willingness to answer Jesus' question? (20:6)
- * 12. How did the leaders respond to Jesus' question? (20:7)
13. In what way did Jesus demonstrate His wisdom? (20:8)

Get It

14. What motivated the religious leaders to ask their question?
- * 15. By whose authority was Jesus able to teach, preach, and perform miracles?
16. Why didn't Jesus answer the religious leaders' question?
17. What is wrong with the advice, "Do what I say, not what I do"?
18. How can we guard against hypocrisy?
19. When has fear of others kept you from speaking honestly about Christ?
- * 20. When have you questioned God's authority in a particular area in your life?
21. What traits did the religious leaders possess that followers of Jesus should not possess?

Apply It

22. In what settings do you need to put forth extra effort to be completely honest and forthright in all your dealings with people?
- * 23. In the next few days, how can you rely on Jesus' authority and wisdom?