

THE AUTHORITY OF JESUS - MARK 11:27-33

Exousia is a Greek word most often translated as "authority" or "power." Exousia can also be thought of in terms of jurisdiction or dominion over a certain realm, right, privilege, or ability.

I. FREEDOM COMES WHEN JESUS IS OUR AUTHORITY.

"God alone owns us. And God alone rules us. We are not ruled by any man. We are free from all human ownership and rule." ~ John Piper

II. JESUS' AUTHORITY - verses 27-33

A. CHALLENGED - verses 27&28

- Who do you think you are?
- John 6:38 For I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will but the will of him who sent me.

B. COUNTERS - verses 29 &30

"When Jesus asked them to answer the question regarding John the Baptist, He was not evading their question. If John really was from God, then he was right about Jesus and Jesus was indeed the Messiah. If what John said was true, then Jesus had all authority." ~ David Guzik

• Men who ruled others feared being ruled by Jesus.

C. CONFLICTED - verses 31-33

 Proverbs 29:25 The fear of man lays a snare, but whoever trusts in the Lord is safe.

"We must find our refuge, not in the praise and approval of one another, but in the arms and heart of heaven." ~ Marshall Segal