

## AUTHORITY #2

On one of the days that Christ was teaching the people and preaching the gospel in the temple in Jerusalem, the chief priests, scribes and elders confronted Him with a question. In Luke 20:2 it says “and they spoke, saying to Him, ‘Tell us by what authority You are doing these things, or who is the one who gave You this authority?’” This is an interesting question since this event evidently took place toward the end of Christ’s ministry. That would mean that for a period of about three years he had been publicly teaching that he was the Son of God and had come from the Father in heaven to do His will on earth and to fulfill the Old Testament Scriptures. To prove He was telling people the truth He frequently referenced the word of God so they could see how it agreed with His teaching and performed countless miracles showing He had God’s approval. Yet in spite of all this these leaders were questioning His authority as if He had done none of these things.

In further discussion with these men Christ exposed their evil hearts and therefore refused to answer their question. We need to learn from their bad example and be certain that we have the right attitude toward Jesus and that our questions are coming from a sincere heart, seeking truth, and not in rebellion against His authority.