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Jesus' Authority and our Response

Mark 11:20-33

The Gospel of Mark (*review*)

- Mark 9-16: Jesus arrives in Jerusalem
 - (1) The 'Passion Week'
 - (2) The Messianic Age is here!
 - (3) Confusion and Judgment

Mark 11:20-21 *“And Peter remembered ...”*

(1) The Foundation of Discipleship and Transformation is Remembering what Jesus said!

- How can we expect to grow in God’s image if we don’t work to know Jesus and His Word?

(2) The Temple/Sacrificial System is DONE

- “Jesus + Nothing = Everything”

Mark 11:22-25 (26?) *“Have faith in GOD...”*

(1) Jesus' emphasis is on the power of God to do the humanly impossible, NOT on the power of the pray-er

- Read Scripture WITH Scripture
- WATCH OUT for “Prosperity Gospel”
- “Whatever I want/wish/ask for”? A “blank check”?
- NO. John 14:13, 15:7 We must align with God.

(2) Where's verse 26??

Mark 11:27-33 *“Who gave you this authority..?”*

(1) Demand for Pedigree and Permission

- Not necessarily bad questions to ask of someone who makes the claims Jesus did
 - EVERYONE ought to ask the same ... AND be prepared to respond based on the answer!
 - If Jesus is God-in-the-flesh, why fear submitting to Him?

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(2) Jesus counter-challenges their ability to rightly
DISCERN and RESPOND to God’s authority

- Exposes a double-standard/inconsistency
- Exposes over-riding motive: SELF
 - Desire to be Right, Desire to be Liked

*If we can’t unhook ourselves from love of self,
we cannot be a disciple of Jesus.*

(1) In what ways am I working on *Remembering what Jesus has said*, and allowing His Word and Spirit to transform you into His image?

(2) In what ways do you approach prayer selfishly? Conversely, to what degree have you engaged prayer boldly and steadily?

(3) How has your *desire to be liked or right* shipwrecked your relationship with God and others?