

TRADITIONAL VIEW OF HOLY WEEK

Sat	Palm Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Good Friday	Sat Sabbath	Easter Sun
	Rides into Jerusalem as king	Teach	Teach	Teach	Teach & Last Supper	Tried and Crucified	In the Tomb	Risen
Sabbath						Day of Preparation	Pass-over	

ANOTHER VIEW OF HOLY WEEK

Sat	Palm Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Good Friday	Sat Sabbath	Easter Sun
Rides into Jerusalem as king	Teach	Teach	Teach & Last Supper	Tried and Crucified	In the Tomb	In the Tomb	In the Tomb	Appears to followers
Sabbath				Day of Preparation	Pass-over	Feast of Unleavened Bread	Rises after 6 p.m.	

WALK THE TALK

1. What was your favorite part of this story and why?
2. What did you learn about the groups that opposed Jesus?
3. How does Jesus show His wisdom?
4. What did you learn about authority in general and Jesus' authority in particular?



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TWO LESSONS FOR THIS SERIES:

1. In seven consecutive stories we see Jesus being _____, and we see Him testing the _____.
2. Jesus is the _____ exception to the rule that "You can fool all of the people some of the time."

THE SCRIPTURES

Luke 20:1 One day as Jesus was teaching the people in the temple courts and proclaiming the good news, the chief priests and the teachers of the law, together with the elders, came up to him. 2 "Tell us by what authority you are doing these things," they said. "Who gave you this authority?"

Luke 20:3 He replied, "I will also ask you a question. Tell me: 4 John's baptism—was it from heaven, or of human origin?"

Luke 20:5 They discussed it among themselves and said, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will ask, 'Why didn't you believe him?' 6 But if we say, 'Of human origin,' all the people will stone us, because they are persuaded that John was a prophet."

Luke 20:7 So they answered, "We don't know where it was from." 8 Jesus said, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things."

THE BACKDROP

1. Jesus is in the _____ few days of His _____ life.
2. He is _____ in the Temple courts and He is giving people a _____ chance to know and follow Him. (εὐαγγελίζω euaggelizō)

3. The perceived _____ of the Jewish people came to Jesus in _____ to ask a question. The fact that all _____ groups came to Him shows that He was _____!

Luke 20:1 . . . the chief priests and the teachers of the law, together with the elders, came up to him.

— In a few days, the _____ three groups will come together to conduct Jesus' _____.

Luke 22:66 At daybreak the council of the elders of the people, both the chief priests and teachers of the law, met together, and Jesus was led before them.

a. Chief Priests — a group of _____ priests including the high priest. This group was established just _____ the time of Christ and were _____ powerful.

b. Teachers of the Law — also called “_____,” these men wrote and _____ the Scriptures and wanted absolute _____. They were also called “lawyers.”

Matt 7:29 he taught as one who had authority, and not as their teachers of the law.

c. The Elders — _____ men of the community who were revered. They were normally _____ of Jesus.

THE BACK AND FORTH

1. The leaders asked a question to _____ Jesus from teaching.

a. *Tell us by what authority . . .* — who was your _____ or who has given you an “_____?”

John 7:15 The Jews there were amazed and asked, “How did this man get such learning without having been taught?”

Luke 4:36 All the people were amazed and said to each other, “What words these are! With authority and power he gives orders to impure spirits and they come out!”

b. *You do these things?* — What things? Jesus had just _____ into Jerusalem proclaiming Himself the _____, and then _____ the Temple of the money-changers.

c. *Who gave you this authority?* — If His enemies could get Jesus to say that _____ gave Him the authority, they could _____ Him, because in their eyes, _____ represented God.

Jesus' Authority:

Luke 4:32 They were amazed at his teaching, because his words had authority.

Matt. 9:6 But I want you to know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins.” So he said to the paralyzed man, “Get up, take your mat and go home.”

John 10:18 No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down and authority to take it up again. This command I received from my Father.”

John 14:10 Don't you believe that I am in the Father, and that the Father is in me? The words I say to you I do not speak on my own authority. Rather, it is the Father, living in me, who is doing his work.

Matt. 28:18 Then Jesus came to them and said, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.

2. Instead of _____ them, Jesus asked them a question. (Remember _____ these people are!)

a. *I will also ask you a question* — In the Matthew account, Jesus says that He will _____ if THEY do.

Matt. 21:24 Jesus replied, “I will also ask you one question. If you answer me, I will tell you by what authority I am doing these things.

b. *John's baptism . . .* — “baptism” means _____ here.

c. *Was it from heaven, or of human origin?* — In a moment, He has given a question that the leaders _____ answer without _____ themselves.

THE BACKING DOWN

1. These religious leaders were not _____. First, they took time to _____ before answering.

Luke 20:5 They discussed it among themselves . . .

2. Secondly, they worked through the _____ answers and came to the conclusion that they could _____ answer.

Luke 20:5 . . . “If we say, ‘From heaven,’ he will ask, ‘Why didn't you believe him?’ 6 But if we say, ‘Of human origin,’ all the people will stone us, because they are persuaded that John was a prophet.”

3. Thirdly, they used a _____ answer and said that “they didn't _____.”

4. Finally, Jesus declared that He would _____ answer their question either, which prolonged His life by a _____ more days.

Luke 20:8 Jesus said, “Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.”

THE TAKEAWAY

We learn that Jesus is _____ than the wise men of His generation, and that He has all _____. Why wouldn't we follow Him?