

Because Jesus has ultimate authority:

1. He <u>sets</u> the <u>standards</u>.

2. He can <u>correct</u>.

3. He is the <u>center</u> and <u>hero</u>.

Reflection Questions:

1. Do you know the commands of Jesus?

2. Are you pointing to Jesus?

3. Is Jesus your Lord, your authority?



Application Questions: The Authority of Jesus

- 1. Did any of Jesus' actions in this passage bother you?
- 2. At first glance, do you think Jesus' actions to those selling was justified?
- 3. Why do you think Jesus did not explicitly answer the Pharisees' question about the origin of his authority?
- 4. What are some ways you can incorporate more prayer in your daily spiritual walk?
- 5. Why do you think the religious leaders wanted to destroy Jesus?
- 6. When was the last time you got angry? What was the situation?
- 7. How do you balance Jesus' call to be meek (Matthew 11:29) and this account of him overturning tables?
- 8. How are you pointing to Jesus? How are conversations going with your "one" and those in your sphere of influence?
- 9. Are there any areas where you are wanting to have authority over your life, rather than submitting to Jesus?
- 10. What's one thing you can do in response to this passage?