

WHO IS THIS MAN?

HOW TO CATCH A RAT

Mark 11:27-33 Jeff Schreve

And it came about on one of the days while He was teaching the people in the temple and preaching the gospel, that the chief priests and the scribes with the elders confronted Him

Luke 20:1

What do we see from Jesus' encounter with the religious elites?

1. The religious elites hated Him.

And He was teaching daily in the temple; but the chief priests and the scribes and the leading men among the people were trying to destroy Him, and they could not find anything that they might do, for all the people were hanging upon His words. Luke 19:47-48

2. The religious elites wanted to trap Him.

"By what authority are You doing these things, or who gave You this authority to do these things?" Mark 11:28

A. They were not interested in the truth.

B. They wanted to be able to charge Him with blasphemy.

3. Jesus exposed their hypocrisy with a simple question.

And Jesus said to them, "I will ask you one question, and you answer Me, and then I will tell you by what authority I do these things. "Was the baptism of John from heaven, or from men? Answer Me."

Mark 11:29-30

* They couldn't answer without destroying themselves.

4. Authority comes from God and His Word.

I solemnly charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and by His appearing and His kingdom: preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort, with great patience and instruction. 2 Timothy 4:1-2

When we walk in the light with Jesus, we have His authority!