



## JUST JESUS: A Journey Through Mark PART 44 - 11:27-33

### The Courage to Walk Into Confrontation

**READ:** Mark 11:27 AND Luke 9:51

#### **DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:**

- 1) Jesus intentionally walks back into Jerusalem and the Temple after the explosive confrontation of the previous day. What does this tell us about His character and mission?
- 2) Luke 9:51 says Jesus “set His face toward Jerusalem.” Why do you think Jesus repeatedly walked into places of tension rather than avoiding them?
- 3) Where do believers today sometimes feel pressure to retreat or stay quiet about their faith instead of walking boldly into difficult conversations?
- 4) Pastor G said, “Jesus is not hiding. He is not running. He is simply walking and waiting for the confrontation He knows is coming. It is the walk of a man who knows exactly who He is.” What does that teach us about confidence in our own calling as followers of Christ?

### The Question of Authority

**READ:** Mark 11:28 AND Matthew 28:18

#### **DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:**

- 1) The leaders ask Jesus, “By what authority are you doing these things?” Why do you think authority was such a threatening issue for them?
- 2) In what ways do people today still question the authority of Jesus in their lives?
- 3) Jesus’ authority is described throughout Mark as intrinsic and divine, not borrowed from institutions. How should that shape the way we respond to His teachings?
- 4) Pastor G said, “The tragedy of this moment is that the leaders are standing face-to-face with the source of authority itself, and yet they are still asking Him to produce credentials.” Why do you think people sometimes fail to recognize God even when the evidence is right in front of them?

### When Truth Becomes Too Costly

**READ:** Mark 11:31–32 AND Proverbs 29:25

#### **DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:**

- 1) The leaders begin reasoning among themselves about the consequences of each possible answer. What does this reveal about their priorities?
- 2) Have you ever seen a situation where people knew the truth but avoided it because of social pressure or fear of consequences?
- 3) Proverbs 29:25 says “The fear of man brings a snare.” How can fear of other people’s opinions keep us from living faithfully?
- 4) Pastor G said, “Sometimes people do not reject truth because they cannot see it. They reject truth because they cannot afford it.” What are some real-life examples of this dynamic in our culture or even in our own lives?

### The Question Every Heart Must Answer

**READ:** Mark 11:33 AND John 14:6

#### **DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:**

- 1) The leaders answer Jesus with “We do not know.” Why was this the safest answer for them, and why was it still dishonest?
- 2) Why is neutrality about Jesus ultimately impossible according to the message of the Gospel?

3) Once someone becomes convinced that Jesus' authority truly comes from heaven, what should change about the way they live?

4) Pastor G said, "The greatest barrier to truth is often not ignorance. It is unwillingness." What are some practical ways we can help our FRANs (friends, relatives, associates, neighbors) honestly wrestle with the question of Jesus' authority?