

WHO HAS ABSOLUTE AUTHORITY OVER YOU?
THE LORD DEMONSTRATES HIS DIVINE AUTHORITY IN HIS TEMPLE
Matthew 21:12-17

- I. JESUS REVEALS HIS DIVINE AUTHORITY TO CONDEMN SINFUL BEHAVIOR: Jesus casts out the religious hypocrites, then validates His righteous actions with His Word (12-13)**
- A. Jesus authoritatively reproves the religious hypocrites who were using His temple for gain by casting them out (12)

 - B. Jesus validates His reproof of the hypocrites with His Word, revealing their underlying wicked motives (13)
- II. JESUS DEMONSTRATES HIS DIVINE AUTHORITY BY COMPASSIONATELY HEALING THOSE WHO COME TO HIM: Jesus did wonderful things, healing the blind and lame who came to Him in the temple (14)**
- III. JESUS DEFENDS HIS AUTHORITY TO RECEIVE WORSHIP AS GOD: Jesus, with His Word, reproves the religious leaders who became indignant over the wonderful things He had done and the praise which was being attributed to Him (14-17)**
- A. The religious leaders are angered by the wonderful things Jesus did and the rightful praise attributed to Him by the children and try to shut them up (15-16a)

 - B. Jesus reproves them with His Word revealing He is God thus worthy of praise (16b)

 - C. Jesus departs back to Bethany for the night (17)