

WHO HAS ABSOLUTE AUTHORITY OVER YOU?
THE LORD DEMONSTRATES HIS DIVINE AUTHORITY IN HIS TEMPLE
Prep for Nehemiah 13
Matthew 21:12-17

I. JESUS REVEALS HIS DIVINE AUTHORITY TO CONDEMN SINFUL BEHAVIOR: Jesus casts out the religious hypocrites, and 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 CAME 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, through 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)