

# Sermon Notes

"Who's in Charge?"

Mark 11:27 – 12:12

October 11, 2026

5. What have Jesus' actions in 11:1-33 demonstrated about His view of Himself and His mission? So by whose authority did Jesus clear the temple?
6. Whom do the vineyard owner, tenants, servants, and son in the parable represent (12:1-6)? What does the vineyard represent?
7. What would be the response of the vineyard owner when he discovered how the tenants treated his son (12:9)? How does this warning fit into the contemporary context (consider 13:1-2)?
8. What is the significance in Jesus saying that he will fulfill Psalm 118:22-23 (12:10-11), the same messianic psalm quoted when He entered Jerusalem? How are these religious leaders about to fulfill this Scripture that Jesus cites?
9. What impact did this parable have on its hearers? How did it answer the question about Jesus' authority (from 11:28)? How do you respond to Jesus' claim of authority

**Let's Pray:**

# Growth Group Homework

For the week of 10-11-2026

Questions adapted from James Galvin, ed., et al., New Testament Lesson Maker, NavPress, Colorado Springs, CO, 1992, p. 93-94; Lyman Coleman, et.al., eds., Serendipity New Testament for Groups, Serendipity House, Littleton, CO, 1986, p. 112; James Hoover, Mark: Follow Me, InterVarsity Press, Downers Grove, IL, 1999, pp. 61-62; Ted Dorman, Karen Lee-Thorp, ed., Life Change Series: Mark, NavPress, Colorado Springs, CO, 1995, pp. 1130-118; Jason Meyer, Mark For You, The Good Book Company, India, 2022, p. 176.

## Getting Started:

1. What are some examples of authority?

## Digging Deeper:

Read Mark 11:27 – 12:12.

2. Where did the events of this story take place (11:27)?  
Who confronted Jesus? Why (11:27-28)?
3. How did the religious leaders challenge Jesus' authority (11:28)? What were the priorities of the chief priests, teachers of the law, and elders who confronted Jesus? In their eyes, who had legitimate authority? Where did they think Jesus got his authority?
4. How did Jesus answer the challenge put to Him (11:29-33)? The religious leaders ask a seemingly straightforward question about Jesus' authority. What does Jesus' reply and the subsequent discussion reveal about their motives?