

#### THE GOOD NEWS OF JESUS THE MESSIAH



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Mark 11:27-33 Whose Authority?

#### Mark 11

<sup>27</sup> Again they entered Jerusalem. As Jesus was walking through the Temple area, the leading priests, the teachers of religious law, and the elders came up to him. <sup>28</sup> They demanded, "By what authority are you doing all these things? Who gave you the right to do them?"



## JESUS' AUTHORITY IS SOMETHING WE MUST ACCEPT BY FAITH

<sup>29</sup> "I'll tell you by what authority I do these things if you answer one question," Jesus replied. 30 "Did John's authority to baptize come from heaven, or was it merely human? Answer me!" <sup>31</sup> They talked it over among themselves. "If we say it was from heaven, he will ask why we didn't believe John. <sup>32</sup> But do we dare say it was merely human?" For they were afraid of what the people would do, because everyone believed that John was a prophet. <sup>33</sup> So they finally replied, "We don't know." And Jesus responded, "Then I won't tell you by what authority I do these things."



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#### Romans 14

<sup>4</sup> Who are you to condemn someone else's servants? Their own master will judge whether they stand or fall. And with the Lord's help, they will stand and receive his approval.

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#### Luke 22

<sup>25</sup> Jesus told them, "In this world the kings and great men lord it over their people, yet they are called 'friends of the people.' <sup>26</sup> But among you it will be different. Those who are the greatest among you should take the lowest rank, and the leader should be like a servant. <sup>27</sup> Who is more important, the one who sits at the table or the one who serves? The one who sits at the table, of course. But not here! For I am among you as one who serves.

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