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**Jesus Authority Questioned**

Matthew 21:23-27

**Key Truth:** If Jesus Christ is our Lord and Savior, then He has the right and authority to disrupt, dictate, and determine how we live life in His Kingdom.

**The Religious Leaders Are Upset With Jesus:**

1. Jesus is shaking up their religious world.

2. Their complaints expressed in our day:

 A. Who do you think you are?

 B. Who gives you the right to dictate my life?

**Jesus Answers With Two Parables:** Matthew 21:28-32, Matthew 21:33-41

1. Jesus was acting with Divine authority when He cleansed the

 temple.

2. God is more concerned with our obedience than our religious

 piety and empty words.

3. God is patient with sinners, giving them time to repent and

 trust Jesus Christ.

4. Judgment is promised to all those who reject Jesus as Lord

 and Savior.

5. Jesus is the foundation in which your life must be built upon.

 Matthew 21:42-46

**The Question For Us Today:**

1. What, or who, is my Cornerstone?

**Taking It Beyond The Walls:** Praise Jesus for continuing to entrust you with His Kingdom work! Live in obedience to Him and be faithful with what He has entrusted to you. Trust Jesus as your Cornerstone!

**Connection Group Homework:**

Looking back at your notes, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?

When have you failed to care for something you have been entrusted with? What was the outcome?

In the parable of the vineyard, we saw how the renters lost sight of who the real owner of the vineyard was. It’s easy for us to do the same with the things we have. What principles do you see in

1 Chronicles 29:10-17 that could help you remember who the real owner is of everything you have?

Read Matthew 21:40-46: What do verses 40-42 tell us about God? Why is this truth about God’s response to those who reject him hard for us to accept? Why is it important to accept?

Discuss the significance of Jesus’ words that He would fulfill Psalm 118:22-23 (v.42)? Why is it significant who He said this to?

Choosing Christ to be the cornerstone of your life is a daily decision. What needs to change in your heart to daily accept Christ as the cornerstone of your life?

How does 1 Corinthians 6:19-20 expand the idea of ownership and what God ultimately wants us to do with what He has given us?

Can you think of any examples of how your life could be different when you consistently remember who the owner is? If so, explain.