

Embracing the Authority of Jesus

Learning from skeptics and how not to be like them.

Sermon Questions

1. What chapter of Luke does Jesus begin to speak about his mission to come and die? _____
2. Jesus would sometimes hide his identity because his time to die was not yet. (Yes/No)
3. What were people saying about Jesus as he preached in the temple? (circle all that apply)
 - i. They were amazed with his learning, having never studied.
 - ii. They were offended and wanted him silenced.
 - iii. They thought he was a prophet or even the Christ.
 - iv. They said, "No one ever spoke like this man!"
4. The religious leaders knew they needed to turn the _____ against Jesus.
5. What are some of the "things" that the Pharisees question Jesus about?

6. Their trap was to expose Jesus as a _____.
7. Jesus often responds to questions with a _____.
8. The Pharisees knew what they thought about John but were unwilling to say it. (Yes/No)
9. List the four lessons we learn from this encounter with Jesus:
 - i. We see the enemy seeking to use _____ opinion as a weapon.
 - ii. We see a model of pathetic _____.
 - iii. We see an unwillingness to admit the true _____ of Jesus.
 - iv. We see that rejecting a little _____ keeps you from the larger _____.
10. Do you embrace and confess the authority of Jesus as the Christ (King) of God? (Yes/No/Not Sure)

Discussion/Meditation Questions

1. Read John 7. What evidence did the Pharisees use to reject Jesus? How did Jesus answer them? What evidence did he give? (Bonus: See Isaiah 9:1–7 for “evidence” about the Christ coming from Galilee.)
2. Given the four negative examples in the Pharisees noted in the sermon, how would you rephrase them to be positive principles for us today? Which is most needful for you to remember?
3. How are you tempted to be silenced by public opinion? Consider a time when you were silent from fear of the opinion of men. How should you have handled it?
4. What was your most significant take-away from this passage and sermon? Share this with another brother or sister in the fellowship.

Extras for the Children

What song did you enjoy the most today? _____

What did you learn about God today? _____

What words did you not know today? _____

