

Title: King Jesus
Subtitle: Responding to His Sovereign Authority
Text: Luke 20:1-8
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Subject Matter: Authority. Sanctification. Submission.

1. Beware _____ (vv.1-2)

2. Discern _____ (vv.3-7)

3. Distinguish _____ (v.8)

Luke 20

1 One day, as Jesus was teaching the people in the temple and preaching the gospel, the chief priests and the scribes with the elders came up **2** and said to him, "Tell us by what authority you do these things, or who it is that gave you this authority." **3** He answered them, "I also will ask you a question. Now tell me, **4** was the baptism of John from heaven or from man?" **5** And they discussed it with one another, saying, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say, 'Why did you not believe him?' **6** But if we say, 'From man,' all the people will stone us to death, for they are convinced that John was a prophet." **7** So they answered that they did not know where it came from. **8** And Jesus said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I do these things."

APPLICATION QUESTIONS

1. Read **Judges 21:25**. How do the personal, spiritual, and moral overtones of this political statement about Israel in the book of Judges apply to our culture today? What are some of the manifestations of this mind set?
2. Read **Titus 1:12-13** and **2:15**. After skimming through the preceding 14 verses in Titus 2, how does this call in 2:15 help you to understand the difficulties that accompany the plain and forthright deliverance of God's truth?
3. Read **2 Corinthians 7:8-9**. Describe a situation when it was difficult and even painful for you to sincerely embrace God's truth on a specific matter.
4. Read **1 Corinthians 1:18-25**. In what situations have you used the excuse of needing more information, more answers, or more confirmation to evade the reality that you were simply not willing to obey God?
5. Read **Psalms 40:8**. What sort of prayers and regular spiritual disciplines might be useful in realizing the fulfillment of this godly declaration?