



“QUESTIONING JESUS”

Matthew 21:23-27

²³ And when he was come into the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came unto him as he was teaching, and said, By what authority doest thou these things? and who gave thee this authority? ²⁴ And Jesus answered and said unto them, I also will ask you one thing, which if ye tell me, I in like wise will tell you by what authority I do these things. ²⁵ The baptism of John, whence was it? from heaven, or of men? And they reasoned with themselves, saying, If we shall say, From heaven; he will say unto us, Why did ye not then believe him? ²⁶ But if we shall say, Of men; we fear the people; for all hold John as a prophet. ²⁷ And they answered Jesus, and said, We cannot tell. And he said unto them, Neither tell I you by what authority I do these things.

What did the resent Gallop Poll say?

Adult Americans with a religious identification is at an all-time low based on a 2020 study. In addition, less than 50% of U.S. adults have membership in houses of worship which continued to decline last year, dropping below 50% for the first time in Gallup's eight-decade trend. In 2020, 47% of Americans said they belonged to a church, synagogue or mosque, down from 50% in 2018 and 70% in 1999.

Who is the Gospel writer Matthew?

1. Traces Jesus' genealogy back to King David.
2. Tax Collector turned writer who chronicled the ministry of Jesus.
3. Taught that Jesus is the long-awaited Messiah.

What happened during Holy Week?

1. Sunday
2. Monday
3. Tuesday
4. Wednesday
5. Thursday
6. Friday
7. Saturday
8. Sunday

What are the main points from this event on Holy Tuesday?

1. The AUTHORITY of Jesus was questioned. (v.23)
2. The ACTIONS of Jesus was questioned. (v.23)
3. The ARGUMENTS of Jesus was questioned. (v.25)
4. The AUTHENTICITY of Jesus was questioned. (v.26)
5. The AUDACITY of Jesus was questioned. (v.27)

What are the practical steps we can take?

1. We have OPPORTUNITY to share Christ with others more now than ever before.
2. We should not be surprised when we face OPPOSITION for sharing Christ.
3. Many OPPONENTS to church-attendance and Christian identification simply can change with time.