**By What Authority**

Luke 20:1-8

Key Verse 2

 “Tell us by what authority you are doing these things,” they said. “Who gave you this authority?”

1. Read verses 1-2. What can we learn from Jesus who kept teaching the people although he knew that he would be crucified in just a few days? (1) Why did the religious leaders ask Jesus about His authority? (2, 19:45-46)

2. Read verses 3-6. How did Jesus reply to their question? (3-4) Why might Jesus have mentioned John’s baptism? (Jn 1:26-35) Why did they have difficulty in answering Jesus’ question? (5-6)

3. Read verses 7-8. What does their final answer show about their attitude toward truth? (7) Why was Jesus unwilling to give them a direct answer? (8) What can we learn from this passage?