

***STUDIES  
IN  
MARK***



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**LESSON 44**

## MARK 11:25-33

### REVIEW:

In the last lesson, Jesus talked about prayer. He taught us that if we want answers to our prayers we must remember two things: (Mark 11:23)

- 1) We must not \_\_\_\_\_ in our hearts.
- 2) We must \_\_\_\_\_ .

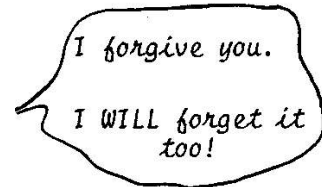
### READ MARK 11:25-26

### PRAYER

In today's lesson Jesus tells us something else we must do if we want our prayers answered.

1. *"When you stand praying \_\_\_\_\_ if you have anything against anybody."*

What does it mean to forgive? If somebody has been mean to us, we must not hate him. If we hate him, we do not forgive him. If we do not forgive him, we will not pray for him. Jesus said, "Love your enemies." He also taught that we should do good to those who are mean to us. (Matthew 5:44) When we ask God to give love for our enemies, and we pray for them, we lose our bad feelings against them. We have forgiven **them**. Then God will forgive us for the bad feelings we have in our hearts against the people who have been mean to us. (verse 26)

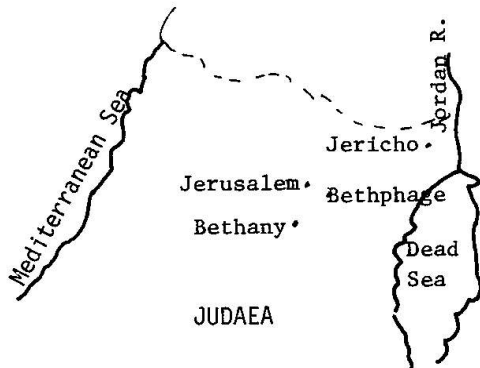


2. When God forgives all our sins against Him should we be ready to forgive anybody has done wrong against us? .
3. What does God do about our sins when He forgives them? Read Jeremiah 31:34 (last part of the verse) .
4. What else does God do about the sins He has forgiven? (Isaiah 38:17)  
*" . . .for thou hast \_\_\_\_\_ ."*

5. What else does God do in Isaiah 43:25? *"I, even I am He who  
out thy transgressions (sins) for mine own sake, and will not thy  
,"*
  
6. If God forgets our sins against Him when He forgives them, what should we do  
about the sins we forgive in somebody else?

When we forgive somebody for the mean things he has said or done to us, we should ask God to help us forget them. If we keep on thinking about the wrong things somebody did to us, we will get bad feelings against him all over again.

**READ MARK 11:27-33**

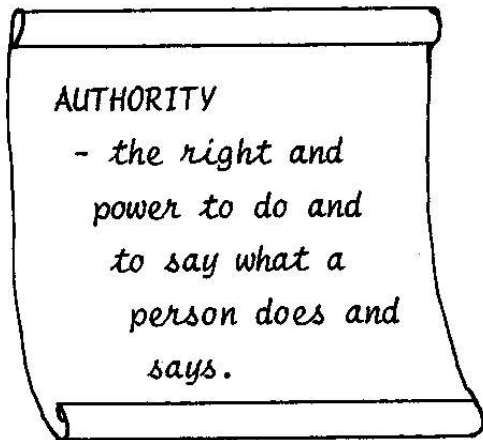


1. To what city did Jesus and His disciples come? (verse 27)
  
2. Where did they go in that city?
  
3. Were any of Jesus' enemies in that place?  
Who were they?  
and

**QUESTIONS ABOUT AUTHORITY**

4. What two questions did the enemies of Jesus ask Him? (verse 28)
  - 1) ?
  - 2) ?

(You will remember that the word "Authority" means the **right**, and the **power** to do or to say something.)

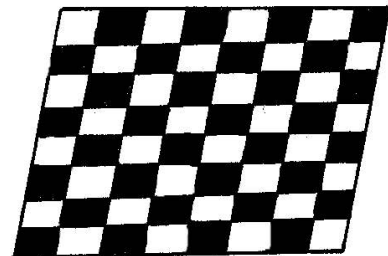


5. Jesus could easily have answered the questions of His enemies, but He always knew when they were just trying to trap Him. Instead of answering their question and so fall into their trap, Jesus asked His enemies a question they were afraid to answer. What question did Jesus ask them? (verse 30)

“The baptism of John, was it from  
or of \_\_\_\_\_?”

Jesus used His authority right then by commanding them to answer Him. He said He would answer their questions if they answered His question first.

These enemies of Jesus were like men playing a game of checkers. They made a move to catch Jesus, but He saw through their wicked plan, and made a much smarter move. Now they were losing the game, whatever way they moved. But they were bad sports. They did not move at all. They knew they were caught for the hypocrites they were.



6. Why were the chief priests and scribes and elders afraid to say the baptism of Jesus was from heaven? (verse 31) If they did, Jesus would say, “why then \_\_\_\_\_?”

7. Why were those men afraid to say the baptism of John was from men? (verse 32)

“They feared \_\_\_\_\_ : for all men counted John, \_\_\_\_\_.”

Jesus had caught them neatly in their own trap. They were afraid to say anything so what did they say? (verse 33)

8. When His enemies would not answer Jesus' question, what did He tell them in verse 33?

In one way Jesus told the men to think of their own answer when He pointed them to John the Baptist. John had already told them who Jesus was, when he said,

*“Behold, the Lamb of God.”*

Besides, they had seen the miracles Jesus did, and they should have known His power was of God.

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