

The Authority of Jesus is Questioned
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The chief priests and teachers
Challenged Jesus once more.
On whose authority are you doing these things?
You have been healing the rich and the poor.

Jesus replied with a question for them,
“Was John’s baptism from heaven?
Or did it come from men?
Tell me first and I’ll answer you then.

They scratched their heads
And considered each side.
They feared the people
And held tight to their pride.

If we say it’s from heaven
He will ask, “Then why don’t you believe him?”
But if we say it’s from men,
The people’s view of us will be dim.

They see John as a prophet
And he is the one that they follow.
So, the priests shrugged their shoulders
And answered, “We simply don’t know.

Since they gave Jesus no answer,
He said, “Then I’ve no answer for you.
I will not tell by what authority
I am doing the things that I do.