



“The Dangerous Authority of Jesus”

John 2:13-25

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Now when He was in Jerusalem at the Passover, during the feast, many believed in His name, beholding His signs which He was doing.

John 2:23

Authority over the temple worship practices

Authority to lay his life down and take it up again

For this reason the Father loves Me, because I lay down My life that I may take it again. No one has taken it away from Me, but I lay it down on My own initiative. I have authority to lay it down, and I have authority to take it up again. This commandment I received from My Father.

John 10:17, 18

Authority to know the heart of all humanity

Therefore also God highly exalted Him, and bestowed on Him the name which is above every name, that at the name of Jesus EVERY KNEE SHOULD BOW, of those who are in heaven, and on earth, and under the earth, and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Philippians 2:9-11

For your LIFEGROUP:

1. What is the biggest takeaway from this week's message?
2. In your own words, why was Jesus so “zealous” about what was going on in the Temple?
3. Why did Jesus not entrust Himself to those mentioned in John 2:23? What are the distinguishing marks of “true disciples”? (After you've discussed this among yourselves, take a look at John 8:31, 32; 13:15; 15:8)
4. Why is the authority of Jesus “dangerous”? And is there an area of your life in which you need to surrender greater authority to Jesus?