

10. What was ministry like for Jesus all the way to the very end?
11. When was Jesus crucified?
12. What phrase did the Jewish people use to refer to a whole day even when only a part of a day was indicated?
13. What two Old Testament passages are examples of this?
14. Was the interaction of verse 23 a curious inquiry or a confrontation?
15. What were the chief priests and the elders trying to do here?
16. Why should they have already known who Jesus was?
17. In Matthew 12:8 Jesus claimed to be Lord of what?
18. In Matthew 12:6 He claimed to be greater than what?
19. Who gave Jesus His authority?
20. In this interaction Jesus refused to do what?
21. John the Baptist had come preaching a message of what?
22. The religious leaders knew they couldn't answer Jesus' question because they knew that whatever answer they gave would do what?
23. The leaders didn't respond to John's ministry because of what reason?
24. If the leaders asserted that John's ministry was merely human, how would that discredit them among the people?
25. The religious leaders feared whom?
26. Instead of treasuring God, the leaders treasured what?
27. How does this same thing (as seen in the leaders) happen today?
28. People don't want to believe in Jesus because they don't want to do what?
29. Yes or No: Was the issue for the leaders a lack of evidence or information?
30. Jesus was a master at using what to make and illustrate a point?
31. What was customary for the sons to do in relation to the vineyard?
32. The first son in the story was blatantly resistant at first to his father's request, but later did what?
33. The second son in the story said he would go but what happened?
34. Jesus said that the religious leaders were which son?
35. The leaders claimed to be doing the work of the Father but their actions did what?
36. What people were the "first son" in the story?
37. The religious leaders sounded good and looked good but ultimately they refused to do what?
38. Once the riffraff of society came to repentance, they were what?

39. Not only were the hearts of the leaders hard, they were extremely what?

40. What group of people today (commonly) won't believe in Christ or submit to Christ or see themselves as sinners?

41. Jesus used subtle sarcasm to say to the Pharisees that they could not be forgiven because they wouldn't acknowledge what?

42. Do you see the desperateness of your need? Do you realize that you cannot make up for your sin by yourself?

43. Do you understand that you are spiritually sick? Do you recognize that you need to repent of your sins and receive the forgiveness of the Lord Jesus?

Remember: Your responsibility, by God's enabling, is to consistently apply the divine principles and truths you have heard (Philippians 2:12-13; I Timothy 4:7-9; James 1:22-27). As you meditate on this message, ask yourself these questions:

»»How does God want my beliefs/actions to change?

»»How can I accomplish this change?

»»What is the first step toward bringing about this change?

For Next Time:

1) What causes a person to have hardness of heart?

2) Think about a time where you personally saw in your own life a hardness of heart. How did you get there? What was your life like? What changed the hardness of heart?

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ACCUSING QUESTIONS

Matthew 21:23-32

(Series #119)

The following are questions designed to facilitate greater learning and deeper understanding of spiritual truths presented in the sermon **“Accusing Questions”**. All of the questions are answered as the sermon is presented. We hope that it will be a catalyst to spiritual growth in your life.

1. Have you ever been in a situation where people around you are examining every word, action, etc., in an attempt to find something to use against you?

2. Who experienced this for 3.5 years of his life?

3. What event in the life of Jesus began this intense scrutiny by the leaders of the people?

4. Jesus presented Himself as what on Palm Sunday?

5. What event was the “last straw” which kicked off the final attempts to get Jesus?

6. Over 1/4 of Matthew's gospel is devoted to what part of Jesus' life?

7. Did Jesus cleanse the temple because things were sold there or because of crass commercialism?

8. The leaders were jealous of what about Jesus?

9. Jesus was a threat to the leaders' positions, their influence, and what?

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