

## **By What Authority?**

(Matthew 21:23-46; S. Terry at CFC; Sunday Morning 9/23/12)

**Theme:** Jesus Christ has God's own authority to grant salvation to sinners who repent and to crush those who reject Him.

### **I. The chief priests question Jesus' authority in the temple (Mt 21:23-27)**

- A. The challenge to Jesus' authority
- B. Jesus' authoritative response
- C. The need for repentance

### **II. The parable of two sons' responses to their father's authority (Mt 21:28-32)**

- A. Authority belongs to the Father
- B. Obedience is required of sons
- C. John's baptism of repentance was from a righteous authority

### **III. The parable of the vine-growers' rejection of the landowners' authority (Mt 21:33-46)**

- A. Authority belongs to the landowner
- B. Honor is required of vine-growers
- C. Jesus' authority is the cornerstone of the kingdom of God