

Have you ever wondered how someone got to be in charge? How did this person get to be a coach or a teacher or a judge? Do they just decide to do it and then it just happens, or is there a process to become those things?

Are some people naturally gifted to be leaders?

In high school, I had a teacher who was also the track coach. He was a great teacher, one of the best that I have ever had. But he was an older man, so often students on the track team would challenge him to races thinking that they could beat the old man and embarrass the coach. Every time he was challenged, he would talk a huge game. And every single time he would destroy them in the race, whether it was a distance run or a sprint. Yet despite all the stories, students still challenged him.

In the Gospel of Matthew, Jesus often has his authority questioned by the religious leaders. And he never really answers their questions but instead gets them to tell on themselves. In Matthew 21:23-32, he asks them a question in response to their own question. Take a moment to read the story.

How would you answer the question that they were asked?

How would you have reacted if Jesus said those things to you?

Do you ever have questions about Jesus and God and church?

Write them down here:

Questions are good things. We are not going to give you some recycled answer that you have either heard already or is unfulfilling. Instead we want to help you search for those answers.