

Monday, December 18



When He had come into the temple area, the chief priests and the elders of the people approached Him as He was teaching and said, "By what authority are you doing these things? And who gave you this authority?"

(Matthew 21:23)

Reflection: The question of authority always followed Jesus. Different groups and individuals would try to ask Him difficult questions to trick Him and make Him look stupid in front of the crowds who listened to His teaching. It is clear that Jesus derived His authority from an unshakable inner knowledge of His relationship to the Father. Do we have confidence in our relationship with God so that we can speak the truth as we see it? Or do we expect the Church or some other authority to speak for us?

Advent Action: Make something (bake a cake, draw a picture, cut out a cartoon) to cheer someone up, as a means of sharing the spirit of the season.

Prayer: Lord, make me confident anew of Your great gift of faith that I may tell others of Your goodness.