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# DAILY READING

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## 2026 NEW TESTAMENT READING LUKE 11:1-28

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### SUNDAY SCHOOL READING PLAN

#### **MATTHEW 21:23-27**

#### **THE AUTHORITY OF JESUS CHALLENGED**

**21** <sup>23</sup> When he entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching and said, “By what authority are you doing these things? Who gave you this authority?”

<sup>24</sup> Jesus answered them, “I will also ask you one question, and if you answer it for me, then I will tell you by what authority I do these things. <sup>25</sup> Did John’s baptism come from heaven, or was it of human origin?”

They discussed it among themselves, “If we say, ‘From heaven,’ he will say to us, ‘Then why didn’t you believe him?’ <sup>26</sup> But if we say, ‘Of human origin,’ we’re afraid of the crowd, because everyone considers John to be a prophet.” <sup>27</sup> So they answered Jesus, “We don’t know.”

And he said to them, “Neither will I tell you by what authority I do these things.”