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**Focus Question:**

What does the confrontation with the Pharisees tell us about Jesus' authority?

1. He exposes \_\_\_\_\_ and determines what is \_\_\_\_\_.

Luke 16:14-15

Mt. 23:13-36

2. He is the \_\_\_\_\_ of God's \_\_\_\_\_ Word.

Luke 16:16-17

John 8:58

Luke 24:25-27

3. He destroys attempts to find \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_.

Luke 16:18

Mt. 5:32

**Application Question:**

Who or what is in charge of your life?

## **Questions for reflection and discussion**

- 1. Read Luke 16:14-18. Where does God stop you and why? How is it connected to what comes before?**
- 2. Why were the Pharisees “ridiculing” Jesus? What had he said that they considered nonsense?**
- 3. What is the real issue in this passage? Read Jesus’ withering rebuke of the Pharisees in Matthew 23:13-36. How does it relate to this passage?**
- 4. What is the meaning of verse 16?**
- 5. Why is John the Baptist a pivotal figure in Scripture? What does he represent?**
- 6. Verse 18 seems random and out of place. But why is it actually an integral part of Jesus’ message here to the Pharisees?**