

Theme: Jesus calls everyone to embrace the true identity and authority of Messiah - the Son of God!

## I. Intro - Come Arouns with Plebes

- A. Plebe summer come-around; test their knowledge
- B. Brace yourself like a man; I will question you, and you shall answer me. Job 38:3
- C. The series of conflicts - Jesus takes the offensive

Story	Matthew	Mark	Luke
Jesus' authority/Parable of the Wicked Tenants	21:23-27; 33-46	11:27-33; 12:1-12	20:1-19
Paying Taxes To Caesar	22:15-22	12:13-17	20:20-26
Marriage at the resurrection	22:23-33	12:18-27	20:27-40
The greatest commandment	22:34-40	12:28-34	(10:25-37)
Whose Son is the Christ	22:41-46	12:35-40	20:41-44

- D. He answered their questions - can they answer His?

## II. Jesus Poses A Question

- A. Jesus asks a question about the Messiah  
While Jesus was teaching in the temple courts, he asked, "How is it that the teachers of the law say that the Christ is the son of David?" Mark 12:35
  - 1. Their questions are done; now Jesus has a question
  - 2. The people are looking for the son of David
    - a. Bartimaeus used this title for Jesus (Mark 10:48)
    - b. The pilgrims coming to Jerusalem shouted this title (Mark 11:10)
    - c. This was one of the most popular designations for the Messiah

- d. Cause the offspring of David your servant to spring up swiftly, and let his horn be exalted through your saving power, for we wait for your salvation all day long. Blessed are you, O Lord, who makes the horn of salvation to flourish. (The Eighteen Benedictions)
  - 1. The Eighteen Benedictions or the Amidah - important prayers in the liturgy of the synagogues
  - 2. It was prayed daily in the synagogue - the Messiah is the offspring ruling over the Kingdom of David!

### 3. Scribes teach that the Messiah is the son of David

- a. This was a favorite title for the Messiah
- b. This was drawn from Old Testament passages  
"The days are coming," declares the Lord, "when I will raise up to David a righteous Branch, a King who will reign wisely and do what is just and right in the land. Jeremiah 23:5  
"My servant David will be king over them, and they will all have one shepherd. They will follow my laws and be careful to keep my decrees. Ezekiel 37:24

## B. The Messiah - the son of David

- 1. There was no controversy or question over this title
- 2. It had ample biblical support - so what is the question?

## III. Jesus Poses the Deeper Question

- A. Jesus points to the Scripture for understanding  
David himself, speaking by the Holy Spirit, declared:  
"The Lord said to my Lord: "Sit at my right hand until I put your enemies under your feet." Mark 12:36
  - 1. Jesus is going to Scripture to get the proper understanding of the Messiah
  - 2. Note His elaborate statement - David spoke by the Holy Spirit

3. Jesus is showing the authority of the statement - it is not just David's word but the very Word of God.
4. I will look at this more in After Hours - the inspiration of Scripture
5. This ups the ante - we are dealing with God's Word

B. The conundrum of David's inspired words

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1. This is a quote from Psalm 110:1
  - a. This was recognized as a Messianic Psalm
  - b. The Messiah will sit on the throne to rule!
2. The problem - how is David's son his Lord?
  - a. The father is greater than the son - but not here!
  - b. David calls his son his Lord - how can this be?
  - c. Yahweh is speaking to the Messiah, Whom David calls his Lord! How can this be?
3. This is a common rabbinic technique - how to reconcile two seemingly contradictory biblical statements
  - a. The Messiah is David's son, but also his Lord!
  - b. Both statements are affirmed in Scripture!
  - c. How can this be?
4. If they will probe this question they will understand Jesus' identity and His authority!

- a. This began with them wanting to know His authority for His teaching and actions.
- b. If they will probe this conundrum in Psalm 110 they will find out the answer!

## IV. The Messiah's Divine Authority

A. The Messiah has a superior throne and kingdom

For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders... 7 Of the increase of his government and peace there will be no end. He will reign on David's throne and over his kingdom, establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness from that time on and forever. The zeal of the Lord Almighty will accomplish this. Isaiah 9:6-7

1. The Messiah, the son of David, will have the government and will sit on David's throne.
2. But His throne is superior in both scope and time!
3. David ruled over Israel, but the Messiah's rule will be ever-expanding!
4. David ruled and then died, but the Messiah will reign forever!
5. The very nature of the Messiah and His kingdom will be different and greater than that of David - the scribes and people have been badly mistaken!

B. The Messiah will be a Priest-King!

The LORD has sworn and will not change his mind: "You are a priest forever, in the order of Melchizedek." Psalm 110:4

1. David was a king, and therefore could never be a priest (kings from Judah, priests from Levi)
2. Yahweh declares the Messiah will be a King and a Priest!

3. But this is a different and superior Priesthood - that of Melchizedek (not Levi).
4. This means that the Messiah's rule and ministry are far superior to that of David (and of the Levitical Priests)!
5. The book of Hebrews goes into this aspect in great detail (see Hebrews 5-7)

#### C. The Messiah will be the Son of God!

The **LORD** says to my **Lord**: "Sit at my right hand until I make your enemies a footstool for your feet." Ps 110:1

1. In Hebrew LORD is Yahweh, 'My Lord' is Adonai
2. But in Greek both LORD and Lord are Kurios
3. David's words in Psalm 110 make one ponder if there is something unique about the Messiah
4. This is even clearer in other Messianic texts
 

"I have installed my King on Zion, my holy hill." <sup>7</sup> I will proclaim the decree of the LORD: He said to me, "You are my Son; today I have become your Father. <sup>8</sup> Ask of me, and I will make the nations your inheritance, the ends of the earth your possession." Psalm 2:6-8

  - a. Similar to Psalm 110 - King, LORD's decree
  - b. But the King is called the Son of God!
  - c. This Son of God is given the nations to rule!

For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, **Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.** Isaiah 9:6

  - a. The Messiah is the Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace?
  - b. This is no mere descendant of David!

#### D. The NT - The Messiah is the Son of God Himself!

The beginning of the gospel about **Jesus Christ, the Son of God.** Mark 1:1

1. The first verse in Mark tells us this! regarding his Son, who **as to his human nature was a descendant of David,** <sup>4</sup> and who through the Spirit of holiness was declared with power to be **the Son of God** by his resurrection from the dead: Jesus Christ our Lord. Romans 1:3-4

1. Jesus is the Son of David and the Son of God!

In the past God spoke to our forefathers through the prophets at many times and in various ways, <sup>2</sup> but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, and through whom he made the universe. <sup>3</sup> The Son is the radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of his being, sustaining all things by his powerful word. After he had provided purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty in heaven... To which of the angels did God ever say, "Sit at my right hand until I make your enemies a footstool for your feet"? Hebrews 1:1-3, 13

1. The Messiah is THE Prophet, Priest, and King!
2. The Messiah is the Son of God, One with God Himself!
3. Note the reference to Psalm 110 - the most quoted or alluded to OT passage in the NT (33x)!

## V. Applying the Word

### A. Am I embracing the authority of Jesus Christ?

1. The key issue Jesus drives home is His Divine identity and authority!
2. Everything else revolves around this issue!

3. Jesus is not just a good teacher - He is the final and Greatest revelation of God!
4. He is not just a great man - He is the eternal Son of God!
5. Jesus is seated at the Father's right hand, ruling and reigning all things!
6. Everything will be brought into subjection to Jesus!
7. Have I embraced Christ as the Lord of all?
  - a. He has conquered death and is ruling over all!
  - b. Everyone will one day stand before Him to give an account!
  - c. He sits on a Throne of Grace - look to Him to receive mercy now!
8. Am I trusting in Jesus' Divine authority?
  - a. He is ruling everything right now!
  - b. We will not always understand how He is ruling and working out everything - but His Kingdom will continue to expand!
  - c. Does this reality give me peace in times of personal struggle and turmoil?
  - d. Does this reality give me peace in times of cultural struggle and turmoil?
9. He is King - believe and rejoice!

#### B. The Lord's Table

1. This is the Table of King Jesus!
2. Here we profess the truth of our faith together!
3. Here we receive from our King!

4. Confession of faith: Hebrews 1:1-3

### The Messiah's Divine Authority

Mark 12:35-37  
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 Romans 15:5-6

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May you grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, to whom be glory both now and forever! In Him You have every blessing of God - so go forth and be a blessing in His Name! Amen. 2 Peter 3:18

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