

## Matthew 22:41-46 - The King's Question!

Scriptures:

41 While the Pharisees were gathered

Notes:

Repeatedly in the gospels Jesus told people not to broadcast who He was to others, even demons. But now He is only a couple of days from His crucifixion.

together, Jesus asked them,

Scriptures:

Luke 7:22-23 - Jesus answered and said to them, "Go and tell John the things you have seen and heard: that the blind see, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, the poor have the gospel preached to them. 23 And blessed is he who is not offended because of Me."

42 saying, "What do you think about the

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Notes:

'Christ' – Means Messiah or Anointed One from God.' The hope of the Jews was the arrival of the Messiah. For over three years Jesus has been ministering and doing the things the Bible said the Messiah would do.

Christ? Whose Son is He?" They said to Him,

G5547 - Χριστός (Christos) - Messiah a title for the Anointed One, i.e., God's special choice.

G5207 - son, one's own male child, male descendant.

John the Baptist sent two of his disciples to ask Jesus if He was the Coming One [the Messiah]. Luke records His response (Luke 7:22-23).

"The Son of David." – This is exactly the answer Jesus expected them to give. All Jews were raised to believe the Messiah would come from as a descendant of King David. And they imagined that Messiah would be like David and defeat their Goliath – the Roman Empire.

"The Son of David."

Just days before the crowds declared that Jesus had cried out, "Hosanna to the Son of David!" That was just the most recent of many times people proclaimed that Jesus was the long-awaited Messiah.

Scriptures:

43 He said to them, “How then does David in

Notes:

‘in the Spirit’ – Inspired by the Spirit of God. Jesus is saying that these were not David’s words. God was speaking by His Spirit through David.

the Spirit call Him ‘Lord,’ saying:

G2962 – ruler, master.

Scriptures:

Psalm 110:1 - The LORD [H3068 -Yehôvâh, yeh-ho-vaw] said to my Lord [H113 - jîTÿ ‘âdôwn, aw-done’], “Sit at My right hand, till I make Your enemies Your footstool.”

44 ‘The LORD said to my Lord, “Sit at My right

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Notes:

‘LORD’ = Jehovah/Yahweh – ‘Lord’ = Adonai. Both of these words are applied to God (Genesis 18:27; Job 28:28). Clearly in Psalm 110, two distinct Persons are being indicated.

Genesis 18:27 - Then Abraham answered and said, “Indeed now, I who am but dust and ashes have taken it upon myself to speak to the Lord...”

hand, till I make Your enemies Your

David, under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit speaks of two Lords. The Jews acknowledged that this is a Messianic Psalm, meaning it refers to the Messiah.

Job 28:28 - And to man He said, ‘Behold, the fear of the Lord, that is wisdom, and to depart from evil is understanding.’

footstool”?”

This is also stated in the present tense. This meaning that was true at the time of David, which points to the preexistence of the Messiah.

## 45 If David then calls Him ‘Lord,’ how is He his

### Son?”

#### Scriptures:

Matthew 3:17 - And suddenly a voice came from heaven, saying, “This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.”

Jeremiah 23:5-6a - “Behold, the days are coming,” says the LORD, “that I will raise to David a Branch of righteousness; a King shall reign and prosper, and execute judgment and righteousness in the earth. <sup>6</sup> In His days Judah will be saved, and Israel will dwell safely...”

Jeremiah 23:6b - Now this is His name by which He will be called: THE LORD OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS.

John 1:1-2 - In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. <sup>2</sup> He was in the beginning with God.

Revelation 1:8 - “I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End,” says the Lord, “who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.”

John 1:14 - And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.

1 John 3:5 - And you know that He was manifested to take away our sins, and in Him there is no sin.

Ephesians 2:8-9 - For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast.

#### Notes:

How can Adonai be the Son of David? In Jewish culture the father is always greater than the son. There is no natural way that David could refer to his natural descendants as his Lord! Jesus is saying that the human Son of David is also the divine Son of God (Matthew 3:17). That was a theological step they were unwilling to take.

The Jewish understanding of the Messiah was that He would be a man born in the kingly line of David, but no different than any other man (Jeremiah 23:5-6a). He was just a man chosen by God to be the Messiah and empowered by the Spirit of God to save them from their enemies.

Jesus is saying that the Messiah is more than just a descendant of David, He is also God. That was communicated in the rest of the quote from (Jeremiah 23:6b). The word LORD in that verse is the Hebrew that we get the words Yahweh or Jehovah from.

This is referring to the doctrine of the Incarnation of Christ. God the Son existed with God from eternity (John 1:1-2; Revelation 1:8). To save humanity from its sin, God the Son stepped down out of heaven and took on human flesh by being born of the virgin Mary (John 1:14).

The incarnation of Christ is one of the foundational doctrines of the church. It is one of the doctrines that determines salvation. We must believe that Jesus was, is, and will always be God the Son. We must also believe that He took on human flesh and lived a perfect life as a man. Because it is only His death as the Son of God in human flesh that makes a way for our sins to be forgiven (1 John 3:5). And the only way to be saved is to believe that Jesus died for your sins and that His blood makes you right with God. Only faith in the atoning sacrifice of Christ Jesus can save you (Ephesians 2:8-9).

Scriptures:

Romans 1:1-4 - Paul, a bondservant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, separated to the gospel of God <sup>2</sup> which He promised before through His prophets in the Holy Scriptures, <sup>3</sup> concerning His Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who was born of the seed of David according to the flesh, <sup>4</sup> and declared to be the Son of God with power according to the Spirit of holiness, by the resurrection from the dead.

46 And no one was able to answer Him a

word, nor from that day on did anyone dare

G5111 – be bold,  
be courageous.

question Him anymore.

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Notes:

The Pharisees understood what Jesus was saying and they had no rebuttal. Jesus confronted them with the truth from their own Scriptures and they were left speechless. They couldn't argue against what Jesus said but it was so contrary to what they believed and had been taught that they couldn't accept it.

"What do you think about the Christ?" This is a question we all must ask ourselves and be prepared to answer. Someday, everyone on earth will stand before God and must answer that question. And only those who have put their faith in Christ will be allowed into heaven.

Paul, in his introduction to the book of Romans gave us a clear description of what we believe ([Romans 1:1-4](#)).

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