

DAVID'S GREATER SON

--MARK 12:35-37--

INTRODUCTION:

Since entering the temple on Wednesday of Passion Week Jesus had been on the defensive as delegation after delegation from the Sanhedrin had come and attacked Him trying to trip Him up in His words and discredit Him in the eyes of the people. Jesus had evaded their traps because of His omniscience and in each instant left them humiliated and silent. Last Sunday's passage ended with that no one would venture to ask Jesus anymore questions. Because no one would venture to ask Jesus anymore questions, Jesus went on the offensive and began to ask them questions. Now His questions were not vindictive but were given as to once more show who He was and offer the religious leaders the opportunity to believe in Him.

I. QUESTIONING THE SCRIBE'S THEOLOGY (Mark 12:35)

- a. Having just finished His conversation with the scribe, Jesus addresses all the _____, Pharisees, and Sadducees that were there.
- b. Jesus always remained a _____ evangelist.
- c. Not all the members of the Sanhedrin, the scribes, Pharisees, Sadducees, priests, and elders were equally _____, nor had they all permanently rejected Jesus Christ. (Matthew 27:57; Acts 6:7)
- d. In the parallel passage in Matthew 22:41 it says, "*Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them a question: 'What do you think about the Christ, whose _____ is He?' They said to Him, 'The son of David.'*" (Matthew 22:41-42, NASB95)

II. QUESTIONING THE SCRIBES FROM SCRIPTURE (Mark 12:36)

- a. When the scribes answered Jesus' question concerning the identity of the Messiah and said that He would be the son of

David, they were _____. (2nd Samuel 7:12-14; Psalm 69:3-4, 35-37)

- b. The answer that the scribes gave to Jesus was the same _____. Jesus would have gotten from the common people, this was the popular view of the day. (Mark 10:47; Matthew 12:22-23; 15:22; 21:9)
- c. The genealogies of Jesus are irrefutable _____ that He was a descendant of David. (Matthew 1:1-17; Luke 3:23-38)
- d. The scribes believed and taught that the messiah would be the son of David, this was true, but it was _____. (Psalm 110; Acts 2:34-35; Hebrews 1:13; 1st Corinthians 15:25)
- e. Jesus begins by affirming the _____ of Scripture saying, "*David himself said in the Holy Spirit...*" (Mark 12:36a, NASB95) (2nd Peter 1:20-21)
- f. Jesus, after affirming that David's words were revealed to him by the Holy Spirit, quotes Psalm 110:1, "*THE LORD SAID TO MY _____, 'SIT AT MY RIGHT HAND, UNTIL I PUT YOUR ENEMIES BENEATH YOUR FEET.'*" (Mark 12:36, NASB95)
- g. The Old Testament not only reveals the Messiah Jesus' humanity as David's Son but also His Deity as David's _____, exalted at the right hand of the Father.
- h. Here is the incomprehensible, infinite truth that Jesus Christ is fully _____ and fully _____.

III. QUESTIONING THE SCRIBES TO BELIEVE (Mark 12:37)

- a. After Jesus quoted Psalm 110:1 He asks the religious leaders and the crowd, "*David himself calls Him 'Lord'; so in what sense is He his _____?*" (Mark 12:37, NASB95)
- b. The New Testament clearly teaches both the humanity and the deity of Jesus the _____. (Romans 1:3; Hebrews 2:14, 17; Matthew 4:1-2; John 4:7; John 4:5-6; Luke 7:9; 10:21; Matthew 9:36; 26:37; John 11:5, 36; 15:9; Mark 3:5)
- c. The _____ of Jesus the Messiah is also made unmistakably clear in Scripture as well. (Jn. 1:1; 8:58; 10:30; 20:28-29; Phil. 2:6; Col. 2:9; Titus 2:13; 2nd Peter 1:1; Hebrews 1:8)

- d. The _____ of the scribes that applied to the messiah was correct to say that He would be a descendant of David but was incomplete.
- e. The conclusion of this passage is anticlimactic and _____.

CONCLUSION:

As we consider that Jesus the Messiah is God in human flesh, we might see His deity by asking this question: If God became a man, what would we expect Him to be like?

First, if God became a man, we would expect Him to be sinless, because God is absolutely holy. This is completely true of Jesus.

Second, if God became a man, we would expect His words to be the greatest words ever spoken, because God is omniscient, perfectly wise, and has infinite command of the truth and the ability to perfectly express it. Jesus' words demonstrated all of that.

Third, if God became a man, we would expect Him to display supernatural power, because God is all-powerful. Jesus did this and performed miracles too numerous to be counted.

Fourth, if God became a man, we would expect Him to exert a profound influence over humanity. Jesus did.

Fifth, If God became a man, we would expect Him to manifest God's love, grace, kindness, compassion, justice, judgment, and wrath. Jesus did.

Jesus Christ is as Hebrews 1:3 declares, "*And He is the radiance of His glory and the exact representation of His nature, and upholds all things by the word of His power. When He had made purification of sins, He sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high,*" (Hebrews 1:3, NASB95) Praise God our Savior made purification of sins, praise God that He is seated at the right hand of God making intercession for us right now.