

Jesus: Son of David and David's Lord

Mark 12:35-37

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Introduction

Who is Jesus? Is He just a man? Or is He someone more? Is He the Son of God, God incarnate? These are the questions that people often ask about Jesus. This is the most foundational question person can ask because if we see Him in the wrong way, then we are on our way to hell.

Jesus asks Peter this question when they are in the region of Caesarea Philippi. Mark tells us of this encounter:

***Mark 8:27-29** Jesus and His disciples went on to the villages around Caesarea Philippi. On the way He asked them, "Who do people say I am?" **28** They replied, "Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets." **29** "But what about you?" He asked. "Who do you say I am?" Peter answered, "You are the Christ."*

Matthew adds in **16:16**, "You are the Christ, the Son of the Living God." Jesus is very aware of what people say about Him. Peter, through the Father, acknowledges that Jesus is the Son of God. Peter recognizes that Jesus is the Messiah, or the Christ (the Greek word for Messiah). What is interesting is that the people's reaction to Jesus is all over the map. Why?

To understand this, we must look at how the Jews of old view the Messiah. This view is still part of Judaism today. The Jews believe that the Messiah is to be a man, only a man. They do not see the Messiah as the Savior in the individual sense, but rather a Savior in the national sense. He is to be a man of great power that the world has not seen, and he would conquer the enemies. He is to fulfill all the promises that God makes to Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Judah, and David. They do not see the Messiah as God in human flesh.

Because of this view, the religious leaders of Israel do not see Jesus the Messiah. They see Him as a blasphemer because He often claims to be on equal terms with God the Father. Remember, they have never misunderstood His claim because every time He makes this claim, they have tried to kill Him. This is the reason they question His authority.

***Mark 11:28** "By what authority are You doing these things?" they asked. "And who gave You authority to do this?"*

They are referring to what Jesus has done when He throws them out of the temple and denounces them as robbers. When they ask for His authority, they are telling the people that they do not believe Him as the Messiah. Remember, they have to look past everything Jesus has done to prove that He is from God. They have to look past His miracles (which they have said that He is of the devil, doing these miraculous works). Nobody has been able to do what He has done. For all His display of power, they have flatly refused to believe in Him.

They hate Him. They want to see Him destroyed. When He is in the temple, teaching the people, they send out waves of men to trap Him. They hope that He will stumble over their questions and get Himself in trouble with the Roman authorities or with the people. However, they all have failed and they did not dare to question Him any further because He makes them look foolish.

Jesus then turns around and asks them a question. He is challenging them. He is for the last time inviting them to see Him as He is, the Messiah and Lord over creation.

I believe that Jesus is directly inviting the scribe who is not far from the kingdom of God. He is inviting him to go further. The scribe understands that the correct spiritual response to the law is to love God and others. To enter the kingdom, he must take one step further—he must ask himself, “Who is Jesus?” To enter the kingdom, he must embrace Jesus as Lord. He must make the same confession as Peter.

The Messiah, whose Son is He?

Mark 12:35-37

35 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?"

- Teaching in the temple courts
 - Large crowd
 - He is addressing to the Pharisees (and to the crowd)

Matthew 22:41-42 While the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them, **42** "What do you think about the Christ? Whose Son is He?" "The son of David," they replied.

- The question
 - What do you think about this Messiah (Christ)? Whose Son is He?
 - Son of David
 - How do the scribes say that the Messiah is the Son of David?
 - Why is this the correct answer?
 - Implication
 - How is the Messiah the Son of David and nothing more?
 - He is challenging them to find the complete answer
- Son of David
 - How do the religious teachers of Israel figure this out?
 - It is in the OT

2 Samuel 7:12-13 When your days are over and you rest with your fathers, I will raise up your offspring to succeed you, who will come from your own body, and I will establish His kingdom. **13** He is the one who will build a house for My Name, and I will establish the throne of His kingdom forever.

Psalms 89:3-4 You said, "I have made a covenant with my chosen one, I have sworn to David my servant, **4** 'I will establish your line forever and make your throne firm through all generations.'"

Amos 9:11 In that day I will restore David's fallen tent. I will repair its broken places, I restore its ruins, and build it as it used to be,

Micah 5:2 But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, though you are small among the clans of Judah, out of you will come for Me one who will be ruler over Israel, whose origins are from of old, from ancient times.

Ezekiel 37:24-27 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. **25** They will

live in the land I gave to My servant Jacob, the land where your fathers lived. They and their children and their children's children will live there forever, and David My servant will be their prince forever. **26** I will make a covenant of peace with them; it will be an everlasting covenant. I will establish them and increase their numbers, and I will put My sanctuary among them forever. **27** My dwelling place will be with them; I will be their God, and they will be My people.

- How do the people view Jesus?

Matthew 9:27 As Jesus went on from there, two blind men followed Him, calling out, "Have mercy on us, Son of David!"

Matthew 12:22-23 Then they brought Him a demon possessed man who was blind and mute, and Jesus healed him, so that he could both talk and see. **23** All the people were astonished and said, "Could this be the Son of David?"

Matthew 15:21-22 Leaving that place, Jesus withdrew to the region of Tyre and Sidon. **22** A Canaanite woman from that vicinity came to Him, crying out, "Lord, Son of David, have mercy on me! My daughter is suffering terribly from demon possession."

Matthew 20:30 Two blind men were sitting by the roadside, and when they heard that Jesus was going by, they shouted, "Lord, Son of David, have mercy on us!"

Matthew 21:9 The crowds that went ahead of Him and those that followed shouted, "Hosanna to the Son of David!" "Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!" "Hosanna in the highest!"

- People understood Son of David = Messiah
- Lineage of David
 - Matthew—genealogy of Jesus through Joseph
 - Luke—genealogy of Jesus through Mary

Note: The genealogical records were kept in the temple. If there was discrepancy in the genealogical claims, then it would be easily proven through the search at the temple. If Jesus' ancestry claims were questioned, then it would have been easy to disprove. He was never discredited in that line. However, it is not enough just to prove that your lineage is through David. Many people could claim that they were in the lineage of David.

36 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."

- Question: if lineage of David not enough to identify the Messiah, what else is needed?
- Jesus quotes from **Psalms 110:1**

Psalms 110:1 Of David. A psalm. The LORD says to my Lord: "Sit at My right hand until I make Your enemies a footstool for Your feet."

- The LORD said to my lord
 - LORD
 - YHWH

- YHWH says to my Lord (Adonai)
 - David's God is talking to David's Lord
 - The Father is speaking to the Son
- What is God going to give to David's Lord?
 - Sit at His right hand
 - Position of power
 - Not an actual chair
 - David's Lord is in place of divine power and divine authority
 - God's enemies under His feet
 - Sovereign rule and authority
 - Sovereign judgment

***Psalms 2:7-9** I will proclaim the decree of the LORD: He said to me, "You are My Son; today I have become Your Father. **8** Ask of Me, and I will make the nations Your inheritance, the ends of the earth Your possession. **9** You will rule them with an iron scepter; You will dash them to pieces like pottery."*

- David is under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit
 - There is no mistake or error
- Messiah = God-Man
 - Jesus is challenging them to consider Him—consider the evidence
 - If God became man—the evidence of sinless life
 - If God became man—the evidence of holiness and perfection
 - If God became man—the evidence of greatest teaching
 - If God became man—the evidence of great power
 - If God became man—the evidence of Godly attributes

37 *David himself calls Him 'Lord.' How then can He be his son?" The large crowd listened to Him with delight.*

- Who is the Messiah?
 - How can the Messiah be just a man?
 - If David calls Him Lord? Who is He?
- Crowd's response
 - They listened to Him with delight
 - NASB—They enjoyed His teaching
 - No repentance
 - No faith
- No impact on religious leaders, Judas, or people

Conclusion

To have eternal life, you must acknowledge Jesus as God and Christ. Who is He?