

WHOSE SON IS THE CHRIST?
(Matthew 22:41-46)

- I. Jesus' Question for the PHARISEES (Matt. 22:41-42*a*)
 - A. He was still TEACHING in the TEMPLE (Mt. 21:23 – 24:21)
 - 1. CROWDS were LISTENING (Mk 12:35-37; Lk 20:41-44)
 - 2. The PHARISEES were LURKING (cf. Mt. 22:34-46)
 - B. He asked them a TWO-PART question
 - 1. "What do YOU THINK about the Christ?"
 - 2. "WHOSE SON is he?"

- II. The Pharisees' ORTHODOX Answer (Matt. 22:42*b*)
 - A. "He is the SON of DAVID" (2 Sam. 7:12-16; Ps. 89)
 - 1. Who will OCCUPY David's throne (2 Sam. 7:12)
 - 2. Who will RESTORE the throne from RUINS (Amos 9:11)
 - 3. Who will ESTABLISH and MAINTAIN it FOREVER (2 Sam. 7:16; Ps. 89:29; Ezek. 37:21-25)
 - B. They had OBJECTED to Jesus' ACCEPTANCE of this title
 - 1. They never CHALLENGED His DESCENT from DAVID

2. They REFUSED to admit He COULD BE the Christ

III. Jesus' FOLLOW-UP Question (Matt. 22:43-45)

- A. "Then how does DAVID ... call Him 'LORD'?" (cf. Ps. 110:1)
 1. Affirms David's words were INSPIRED by the HOLY SPIRIT (Mk. 12:36)
 2. Indicates YHWY promised the Son of David the ETERNAL throne, seated at His RIGHT HAND
- B. "If David calls Him 'LORD,' how is He his SON?"
 1. RECOGNIZE the necessary DEITY of the Christ
 2. ADMIT that Jesus is the SON of GOD

IV. The Pharisees' SILENCE (Matt. 22:46)

- A. They were UNABLE to ANSWER
- B. They were UNWILLING to ASK another question