

22:41-42

So continues a conversation that takes place on Tuesday of passion week, and includes the last part of chapter 21 and continues all through chapter 25. This day has the most Scripture written than any other day in Jesus' life. **41 While the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them,** This is a sneak peek at the last day (22:1-10, "how did you get in here"; he was speechless"). See verse 46 and see their obvious ending: "speechless". **42 saying, "What do you think about the Christ? Whose Son is He?"** He asks the question we all must answer. Eternity hinges upon our answer.

They said to Him, "The ^bSon of David." Jeremiah 23:5 is a beautiful reason to expect this answer.

22:43-46

He said to them, "How then does David in the Spirit Jesus says that God wrote through **David.** Get to where you can trust what Jesus says—specifically, here—concerning the Old Testament. You can trust His words if you can trust that He arose from the dead. A man Who rises from the dead can be trusted. **call Him 'Lord,' saying:**

44 'The LORD said to my Lord, we might notice that Jehovah (all caps) said to David's "Sovereign" (not all caps). See appendix on "finding the Father in the O.T." We do, in this context see an Old Testament conversation between God the Father and His Son, Jesus. The command from the Father to the Son which follows has much to do with 12:10-11 (which is a quotation of Psalm 118) and the listeners would see these as implications of their murder of Him and His exaltation (anyway).

"Sit at My right hand, mentioned again to the high priest in Matthew 26:64. It is as if the Father told Jesus, "sit here and watch." Jesus' submission, therefore did not end at Calvary. **Till I make Your enemies Your footstool" '?** referring to a culture (as in Nebuchadnezzar and Zedekiah) when a conquered king would be made to wallow under the throne of a conquering king. What a beautiful difference in the life of a son of a king. We get to sit at His table and are not treated as a conquered and bitter enemy. The implication here is that these Pharisees are the enemies of both Son and the Father, and that they will be under the **footstool** of the Son.

This passage is quoted by Peter in Acts 2:34, by Paul (1 Corinthians 15:25), and mentioned in Hebrews 4 or 5 times.

45 If David affirmed twice as the author of this Psalm. **then calls Him 'Lord,' how is He his Son?"** Why is this strange? Because usually the **Son** calls the Father **Lord,** but here David calls his **Son Lord.** **46 And no one was able to answer Him a word, ^enor from that day on did anyone dare question Him anymore.** In a very practical way, those of us who accept the rightful place of Christ are assuming the fulfillment of this promise in our very day. No matter the chaos:

^bMatt. 1:1; 21:9

^e Mark 12:34, in other words, this statement is before this examination from Jesus in Mark which does not bother the Bible believer since this examination does not contain any questions from the antagonistic parties in the first part of this chapter.

“a world going mad; godless minds in a godless pop-culture; politicians who sometimes make decisions that appear to lack eternal perspective...what in the world is going on?”

The enemies of Christ are being made His footstool.

“Tsunamis, tornadoes, hurricanes, blizzards, typhoons, and cyclones ...what on earth is happening!?”

The enemies of Christ are being shoved under His footstool.

“Everything seems out of control!”

No, the Son is waiting until the Father is finished putting all enemies below the Son.

“My family is falling apart.”

I don't know how to explain it, but somehow; behind all of this mess (we see a heavenly drama unfolding as in the book of Job where a contest is posed by Satan unbeknownst to Job) the conditions are being set so that the time can be met where Christ is made Ruler of all.

“Down here, I see confusion, upheaval...an unkempt planet...full of idolaters and the covetous and sodomites, and fornicators and God haters...what is happening?”

Somehow, the enemies of Christ are being made His footstool.

“How?!”

I'm not sure, but Christ is allowing Jehovah-God to crush His enemies and cram them underneath his footstool.

Grab a headline above the fold and below the fold and read the headlines and say “somehow what I'm holding is evidence that God is crushing the enemies of Christ.”

“Is there anything to be happy about?”

Yes, the Heaven-word side of what you see...and we would do well to find Christ-like victory in submission to our God. What is He showing you?