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1. The question Jesus asked 41 While the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them, 42 Saying, What think ye of Christ? whose son is he? They say unto him, The Son of David.
 - a. There have now been 3 questions that have attempted to cause Jesus to stumble
 - i. He was asked a legal, political question about paying taxes
 1. There were 2 groups together asking this question, Pharisees—the religious group and Herodians—the political group
 2. How He answers should have gotten Him in trouble either way
 3. He answered with great wisdom
 4. We will do right as citizens but we will always obey God
 5. You give to God what is His and you give to government what is theirs
 - ii. He was asked a doctrinal question about the resurrection
 1. The people that asked the question didn't even believe in the resurrection
 2. Their question was a way of making fun, mocking the very idea of the resurrection
 3. Jesus made it clear that He—God was the God of the living
 - iii. He was asked a theological question about which commandment was the most important
 1. Jesus showed them the answer that they knew—they were to love God with all their heart, soul and mind
 2. He also showed them that true love for God would affect how you treated everyone else
 - b. Earlier Jesus had asked His disciples a question in Matthew 16:13 When Jesus came into the coasts of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, saying, Whom do men say that I the Son of man am? 14 And they said, Some say that thou art John the Baptist: some, Elias; and others, Jeremias, or one of the prophets. 15 He saith unto them, But whom say ye that I am? 16 And Simon Peter answered and said, Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God.
 - i. This question was to people that loved Him
 - ii. He wanted them to realize who He is
 - iii. They knew who He was even if the world would not recognize Him
 - iv. Jesus was the Christ
 - v. But not just the Messiah but the very Son of the Living God
 - c. The question about who Jesus is, Is the most important personal question that anyone will ever answer
 - d. Jesus now asks the Pharisees a question
 - i. He doesn't ask them what they think of Him
 - ii. That is pretty obvious already
 - iii. They have seen all His miracles
 - iv. They know His wisdom
 - v. Yet they still reject Him
 - e. His question is posed as a theological question
 - i. What do you think of the Christ
 - ii. Whose son is the Christ
 - f. You should take this question as a personal one for you
 - i. What do you think of the Christ?
 - ii. Do you think He was a good man, good teacher?

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- iii. Have you seen Him as God?
- iv. Do you see your need of His death on the cross?
- v. Have you believed that He is God and trusted Him for your salvation?

2. The answer to the question, Who is the Christ 41 While the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them, 42 Saying, What think ye of Christ? whose son is he? They say unto him, The Son of David.
- a. While some thought that Jesus might be the Son of David others said He was a tool of Satan Matthew 12:22 Then was brought unto him one possessed with a devil, blind, and dumb: and he healed him, insomuch that the blind and dumb both spake and saw. 23 And all the people were amazed, and said, Is not this the son of David? 24 But when the Pharisees heard it, they said, This fellow doth not cast out devils, but by Beelzebub the prince of the devils.
 - b. Today many would rank Jesus as one of the greatest teachers and prophets ever
 - c. Others would say He was very kind and the picture of humility, a great teacher, a mother Teresa
 - d. The greatest question of all is who is Jesus really
 - e. The Pharisees answer was simple and straightforward
 - i. He is the Son of David II Samuel 7:12 And when thy days be fulfilled, and thou shalt sleep with thy fathers, I will set up thy seed after thee, which shall proceed out of thy bowels, and I will establish his kingdom. 13 He shall build an house for my name, and I will stablish the throne of his kingdom for ever. 14 I will be his father, and he shall be my son. If he commit iniquity, I will chasten him with the rod of men, and with the stripes of the children of men: 15 But my mercy shall not depart away from him, as I took it from Saul, whom I put away before thee. 16 And thine house and thy kingdom shall be established for ever before thee: thy throne shall be established for ever.
 - ii. This can easily sound like Solomon, his son who built the temple
 - iii. The problem is that after Solomon the kingdom was divided and has never been restored again
 - iv. So there was no way to say his son, Solomon, had an everlasting throne
 - f. The promise that the son of David would have an everlasting throne is repeated in the Scriptures Psalm 89:3 I have made a covenant with my chosen, I have sworn unto David my servant, 4 Thy seed will I establish for ever, And build up thy throne to all generations. Selah. 20 I have found David my servant; With my holy oil have I anointed him: 21 With whom my hand shall be established: Mine arm also shall strengthen him. 24 But my faithfulness and my mercy shall be with him: And in my name shall his horn be exalted. 27 Also I will make him my firstborn, Higher than the kings of the earth. 28 My mercy will I keep for him for evermore, And my covenant shall stand fast with him. 29 His seed also will I make to endure for ever, And his throne as the days of heaven.
 - g. God promised that the divided kingdom would once again become one and that David would rule over them Ezekiel 37:21 And say unto them, Thus saith the Lord God; Behold, I will take the children of Israel from among the heathen, whither they be gone, and will gather them on every side, and bring them into their own land: 22 And I will make them one nation in the land upon the mountains of Israel; and one king shall be king to them all: and they shall be no more two nations, neither shall they be divided into two kingdoms any more at all: 23 Neither shall they defile themselves any more with their idols, nor with their detestable things, nor with any of their transgressions: but I will save them out of all their dwellingplaces, wherein they have sinned, and will cleanse them: so shall they be my people, and I will be their God. 24 And David my servant shall be king over them; and they all shall have one shepherd: they shall also walk in my judgments, and observe my statutes, and do them. 25 And they shall dwell in the land that I have given unto Jacob my servant, wherein your fathers have dwelt; and they shall dwell therein, even they, and their children, and their children's children for ever: and my servant David shall be their prince for ever.
 - h. Jesus is called the son of David frequently in Matthew 9:27 And when Jesus departed thence, two blind men followed him, crying, and saying, Thou Son of David, have mercy on us. 12:23 And all the people were

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amazed, and said, Is not this the son of David? 20:30 And, behold, two blind men sitting by the way side, when they heard that Jesus passed by, cried out, saying, Have mercy on us, O Lord, thou Son of David.

- i. They saw him as a man, a mere human, more like Solomon
 - i. How do you see Him?
 - ii. Have you seen Him as God?
 - iii. Have you yielded your life to Him?
3. Jesus calls on them to think through their Scriptures 43 He saith unto them, How then doth David in spirit call him Lord, saying, 44 The Lord said unto my Lord, Sit thou on my right hand, till I make thine enemies thy footstool? 45 If David then call him Lord, how is he his son?
- a. Jesus uses Psalm 110:1 to pose His question The Lord said unto my Lord, Sit thou at my right hand, Until I make thine enemies thy footstool.
 - b. The first thing Jesus makes clear was that David was speaking under inspiration of the Holy Spirit in this verse 43 He saith unto them, How then doth David in spirit call him Lord, saying,
 - i. David was under the control of the Holy Spirit when he wrote this verse
 - ii. This means it wasn't David saying it
 - iii. This is a lesson we should all learn about the Word of God. It is His and God Himself said it II Peter 1:21 For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost.
 - c. If David called Him Lord how could he be talking about his son 45 If David then call him Lord, how is he his son?
 - i. No mere human would be addressed as Lord—the word for God in this verse
 - ii. David was talking not about his own son but the Son of God
 - iii. The Messiah, the Christ, was and is the Son of God
 - d. Jesus doesn't make them admit it but it was pretty obvious to those who had watched Him for 3 years John 20:30 And many other signs truly did Jesus in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book: 31 But these are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye might have life through his name. 21:25 And there are also many other things which Jesus did, the which, if they should be written every one, I suppose that even the world itself could not contain the books that should be written. Amen.
 - e. Jesus is the Son of God Romans 1:2 (Which he had promised afore by his prophets in the holy scriptures,) 3 Concerning his Son Jesus Christ our Lord, which was made of the seed of David according to the flesh; 4 And declared to be the Son of God with power, according to the spirit of holiness, by the resurrection from the dead:
 - i. God come to earth humbling Himself Philippians 2:5 Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus: 6 Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God: 7 But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men: 8 And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross. 9 Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name: 10 That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; 11 And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.
 - ii. He was God taking on human flesh John 1:14 And the Word was made 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.
 - f. Jesus was both
 - i. The root and offspring of David Revelation 22:16 I Jesus have sent mine angel to testify unto you these things in the churches. I am the root and the offspring of David, and the bright and morning star.

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- ii. And God in human flesh as we have seen
- g. The problem was that the Scriptures show us two pictures of the Messiah in the Old Testament
 - i. He is the Suffering Servant, Jesus dying on the cross
 - ii. He is also the King of kings and Lord of Lords
I Peter 1:10 Of which salvation the prophets have inquired and searched diligently, who prophesied of the grace that should come unto you: 11 Searching what, or what manner of time the Spirit of Christ which was in them did signify, when it testified beforehand the sufferings of Christ, and the glory that should follow. 12 Unto whom it was revealed, that not unto themselves, but unto us they did minister the things, which are now reported unto you by them that have preached the gospel unto you with the Holy Ghost sent down from heaven; which things the angels desire to look into.
 - iii. There is only One Messiah
 - 1. He came the first time to die for our sins and save us
 - 2. He comes the second time as the King of the Universe
- h. Do you believe what God has said about Jesus?
 - i. Are you ready to trust Him with your eternity?
 - ii. Do you believe that He came in flesh but was God in human flesh?
 - iii. Do you believe that what He did on the cross was God paying for your sins and offering you eternal life?
- 4. The questions were over now 46 And no man was able to answer him a word, neither durst any man from that day forth ask him any more questions.
 - a. They were afraid to face the truth
 - b. They had not believed but had no answers and He did
 - c. The religious people were blinded by their tradition, their pride, and believing Jesus would mean losing their position in society
 - d. Maybe some would believe but in just two days they will cry out for Him to be crucified
 - e. The religious people had been humiliated and embarrassed. They were not humbled to a point that they would believe though
 - f. Where are you with your questions?
 - i. Have you seen the truth?
 - ii. Will you accept the truth or will you walk away in your pride, unwilling to humble yourself and obey God?
 - iii. Will you see yourself as a worthless sinner in desperate need of the grace of God?

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