

SERMON OUTLINE

In Mark 12:35-37 we find Jesus teaching an attentive throng (v. 37c) by presenting a 3-part riddle to prove that the scribes do not fully understand Messiah's identity.

- I. On what basis do the scribes say Messiah is the son of David (v. 35)?
- II. The Holy Spirit inspired David to say Messiah is His God (vs. 36-37a).
- III. So how can the scribes say Messiah is only David's son (v. 37b)?

BIBLE DISCUSSION GROUP STUDY QUESTIONS

In preparation for Sunday, March 13, 2016

Passage: Mark 12:35-37

Memory Passage: Mark 12:35-37

DAY 1 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

- (a) **Read Mark 12:35-37.** What truth does Jesus presuppose the scribes teach, and why does He ask about its basis?
- (b) What have you learned so far in your study of Mark's gospel about the Messiah (v. 35, "the Christ")?
- (c) What have you learned in your study of Mark's gospel about Jesus being David's Son?
- (d) Why do you think Jesus goes on the offensive with a question at this point in Mark's gospel?

DAY 2 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

- (a) **Read Mark 12:35-37 & Psalm 110.** For what purpose does Jesus say that David spoke "by the Holy Spirit"?
- (b) In Ps. 110:1 LORD = Yahweh and Lord = Adonai. Explain Ps. 110:1 in its context, including who is writing, the referents for LORD and Lord, who are the enemies and what is meant by them becoming "footstools."
- (c) What does the position of "right hand" signify, and why does Jesus quote this part of the Psalm (since it does not seem to be required in order to ask or answer this question)?
- (d) Do you think Jesus intended, or that anyone hearing thought, that Jesus was addressing the scribes as "enemies?" Explain.

DAY 3 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

- (a) **Read Mark 12:35-37.** Why is Jesus' question (v. 37) such a conundrum?
- (b) How do you answer Jesus' question: How is the Messiah both David's God and David' son?
- (c) What is Jesus saying about His identity? What is He proving about the scribes' comprehension of His identity?
- (d) Does the fact that "the great throng heard him gladly" mean that they agreed with & obeyed His teaching? Why or why not (consider 6:20)? Why do you think they in fact heard Him gladly?

DAY 4 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

- (a) **Read Mark 12:35-37, Act 2:32-36, 1 Cor. 15:20-28, Eph. 1:20-23, Heb. 1:13, 1 Pet. 3:21-22.** These are just a few of the times the NT quotes, directly or indirectly, Psalm 110:1. The entire Psalm is the NT's most quoted/alluded to Psalm (33x).
- (b) For each of these passages, write down what you learn about (1) how Psalm 110:1 was used, (2) what doctrinal stances it was used to support, (3) how the NT church viewed the Psalm and its proper interpretation, and (4) how it helps you to understand Jesus' question in Mark 12:35-37.

DAY 5 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

- (a) **Read Mark. 12:35-37.** What does this Messianic interpretation of Psalm 110:1 reveal to you about Jesus' incarnation? Of Jesus' exaltation?
- (b) In what ways does Jesus' indictment of the scribes' shallow understanding of Jesus help us to recognize the errors of teachers we encounter today?
- (c) When Jesus speaks to you through the Scriptures, do you "hear Him gladly?" How can you prepare yourself to listen gladly even when the teaching is challenging, hard, or convicting?
- (d) Write down at least 4 ways this truth encourages and equips you in your daily walk with Christ: God was faithful to keep His covenant with His people when He sent Jesus as the Christ, the Messiah, to reign eternally in righteousness and save His people from their sin.

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