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“Lord Jesus”

Mark 12:35-37

Messiah/Christ

As we begin, I want to remind us of two words that stand as two titles – Messiah and Christ

These titles are one and the same, yet have a slightly different appeal –

- The Hebrew word for God’s anointed is “Messiah;” The Greek word for God’s anointed is “Christ”
- The Hebrew may have more appeal to Jewish people, the Greek to non-Jewish or Gentile people.

Read Mark 12:35-37

Pray

Messiah, Son of David

In Jesus’ day, the scribes taught and the people believed that the Messiah would be the “Son of David.”

Jesus’ teaching about the true nature of Messiah has two parts –

- 1 – MESSIAH IS NOT ONLY DAVID’S SON, BUT HE IS ALSO DAVID’S LORD!
- 2 – MESSIAH IS NOT ONLY DAVID’S SON, BUT HE IS ALSO GOD’S SON!

He bases this teaching on Psalm 110.

Psalm 110

Psalm 110 is the most quoted and referred to OT passage in the NT – 35 times.

-Jesus refers to the first verse –

“The LORD says to my Lord: ‘Sit at my right hand, until I make your enemies your footstool!’”

Jesus clearly sees that Psalm 110 is the inspired Word of God because He says, “David himself, **in the Holy Spirit**, declared...” (Mark 12:36)

-In this simple and few words “David himself, in the Holy Spirit, declared...,” Jesus shows His confidence in the Inspiration and Preservation of God’s Word –

-Inspiration – It is the very “breathed out” Word of God.

-Preservation – This Inspired Word of God is preserved in accurate, reliable translations with contain all the authority of God.

-Psalm 110 was originally written by David in Hebrew.

-While there are generations of texts and several language translations, Jesus still understood the Bible He quoted as the Word of God!

-We must use the Bible with the same confidence in Inspiration and Preservation as Jesus did!

David’s Son (Messiah) – David’s Lord

We know that David’s son is David’s Lord simply – David said, “The LORD says to **my Lord**.”

But we need to follow the argument –

-Jesus begins by saying “How can the scribes say that the Christ is the son of David?”

-Then he quotes David calling his son his “Lord” –

-How do we know that the one David calls “his Lord” is his son?

-v. 37 – “David himself calls him Lord. So how is he his son?”

-David’s Lord is David’s son – David’s son is David’s Lord.

-Jesus leaves the crowd to marinate in this conundrum –

-v. 37b – “...And the great throng heard him gladly.”

Matthew’s account of this makes it even clearer – Matthew 22:41-46

Who is this Messiah, who is David's son and David's Lord? Jesus!

- Mark has identified Jesus as the Messiah (Christ) at the very beginning of this gospel –
 - Mark 1:1 – *“The beginning of the gospel of Jesus **Christ**...”*
- Remember blind Bartimaeus?
 - Mark 10:46-52
 - A blind beggar named “Bartimaeus” cries out, “Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!”
- Mark puts that story of blind Bartimaeus right before Jesus entering into Jerusalem for a reason –
 - Here is a blind man who can “see” who Jesus is – Jerusalem is full of religious leaders who can’t see who Jesus is.

Jesus the Christ – God’s Son

Mark has a greater purpose than to simply present Jesus as the Son of David, Israel’s Messiah.

- Mark knows that the vast majority of the people who will read his gospel will be non-Jewish – Gentile.
- So, he writes to present Jesus not only as Israel’s Messiah, the Son of David, but Jesus as God’s Son, the Savior of all nations!

Now Mark records Jesus presenting Himself at the temple – The place where God meets man and man meets God on the basis of a sacrifice.

- In presenting Himself at the temple, Jesus speaks of One who is David’s “Lord” – Quoting Psalm 110.
- What is the essence of this One Who is “David’s Lord”?
 - He has a past because when David lived (1,000 B.C.) the One he identifies as “my Lord” is already existing.
 - Then, this One Who is David’s Lord is David’s Son Who is the Messiah, the Christ.
 - Then, Psalm 110 says that David’s Lord will “Sit as my (Yahweh’s) right hand (the place of authority) until all enemies (Gentile nations) are put under (his, David’s Lord’s) feet.”
 - He is going to rule the nations!

The One where all this is brought together is Jesus!

- He is David’s Lord who existed before David.
- He is David’s Son who is Israel’s Messiah.
- He is God’s Son who will give Himself as the reconciling sacrifice for sins.
- He is the coming King of Kings and Lord of Lords –
 - And the government shall be upon His shoulders, and His name shall be called, Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the increase of His government there shall be no end; on the throne of David and over his kingdom, to establish it and to uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time forth and forevermore!
- It’s Jesus!

Application

1 – Hear Him gladly!

2 – Believe in and receive Him by faith

3 – Surrender to His Lordship