

Jesus Asks A Question

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Mark 12:34-40

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Repeated Attacks

- Jesus has faced repeated challenges to His authority, his political views, his theological views...
- Jesus dealt with each masterfully, they gave up^{Mk12:34}

Background

- Pharisees & scribes believed OT was inspired by God
- Jesus knew the OT was inspired by God
- Jesus poses difficult question from Psalm 110:1

Jesus - the True Prophet of God

- Teaching in the temple
- Job of prophet to declare God's truth to His people
- As prophet He was expounding and exposing

Expounding the Scriptures

- The Messiah would be a son of David^{Mt1:1-17;Lk3:23-32}
- Scribes said Psa 110 described the coming Messiah
- So... 'how could David speak of his son as Lord?'
- This question showed Jesus was the Messiah of God
 - David's Lord was the eternal Son of God
 - Jesus became his 'son' when conceived in the womb of Mary^{Lk1:35} and born in the city of David^{Lk2:4}

Exposing the False Teachers

- Jesus is quite blunt in calling out false motives:
- **Ambitious Men** - loved long robes³⁸, greetings³⁸
- **Proud Men** - best seats³⁹, place of honor³⁹
- **Greedy Men** - devour widows' houses⁴⁰. Apparently they used their trusted position to defraud

A Gospel Reminder

- This passage is the end of Jesus' public ministry in the Gospel of Mark
- Jesus has been under constant attack, Jesus showed Himself to be God's prophet, priest and king:
 - prophet - made God's will for salvation known
 - priest - Jesus gave Himself as perfect sacrifice, intercedes for us
 - king - He conquered all His our our enemies and rules over us graciously
- Let us not be stubborn like leaders^{Jn1:11-12} but let us have faith in Jesus as God's provision for us^{Mk15:39!}
- Gospel Truths: Eph 2:8-9; Rom 3:21-25; Gal 3:20-21

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