

The Full Nature of the Messiah

Mark 12:35-37

Context: In Mark 11-12, the religious authorities attempt to question the authority of Jesus and trap him in a number of controversial situations. In today's passage, all of the questions have stopped and Jesus begins to teach openly in the temple.

As Jesus teaches about the Messiah...

1. _____ the Messiah's full nature (vs. 35-36)

- A. While the religious leaders of Jesus day believed that the Messiah would only be a man, Jesus is explaining Psalm 110:1 to clearly show that the Messiah will be both human and divine.
- B. In our day, it is wrongly taught openly in religious classes (See Bart Ehrman's How Jesus Became God) that the early Church began to call Jesus God in the later first century around the writing of the Gospel of John (AD 85-90). This passage in Mark clearly supports Jesus himself explaining His Deity before His own crucifixion.

2. _____ how scripture was written (vs. 36a)

- A. The Bible clearly claims to be written by men who were filled and led by the Holy Spirit (See 1 Peter 1:20-21; 2 Timothy 3:16). Just like Jesus is 100 percent God and 100 percent man, Scripture is written 100 percent by God and 100 percent by man.
- B. Secular college classes on Christianity will declare that a group of men "chose" the books of the Bible to be included (Dan Brown in the DaVinci Code claims it was at the Council of Nicaea in 325). In fact, the early Christian church "discerned" the inspired books of the Canon.

3. _____ Him Lord also (vs. 37)

- A. Jesus shows how David, who was the promised king of the Messianic lineage called the Messiah his "Lord."
- B. God told David that the Messiah would come from his offspring in 2 Samuel 7:12-17.
- C. If King David looked ahead and recognized the Messiah as his Lord, we also should look upon Jesus as our Messiah and Lord.