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Intro: Last Sunday, we saw the next round of confrontation between Jesus & the Pharisees. They keep trying to test/tempt Jesus, & they ask Him about the greatest commandment in the law. (This is the last week of Jesus' life; Triumphal Entry in chap. 21; Attack from His enemy intensifies!). Taxes?; Resurrection?; Law; With God's help, love God with all your heart, soul, & mind, & love your neighbor as yourself: this is everything!

Today we see Jesus go on the offensive! He asks the Pharisees a question concerning the deep reality of who He really is (Jesus is God & God's Son!), & no one could answer Him, & after this, no one dares to ask Him anymore questions! Jesus wins this confrontation battle with the Jewish religious leaders once & for all! All He does is win!

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1. Now Jesus Does The Questioning

Matthew 22:41-42: Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them a question, ⁴² saying, "What do you think about the Christ? Whose son is he?"

a. Jesus is the God of Job: Job 38:1-5: Then the LORD answered Job out of the whirlwind & said: ² "Who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge? ³ Dress for action like a man; I will question you, & you make it known to me. ⁴ "Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth? Tell me, if you have understanding. ⁵ Who determined its measurements - surely you know! Or who stretched the line upon it?"

- **Job 1:1:** There was a man in the land of Uz whose name was Job, and that man was blameless and upright, one who feared God and turned away from evil.

- **Job 42:5-6:** I had heard of you by the hearing of the ear, but now my eye sees you; ⁶ therefore I despise myself, and repent in dust and ashes. (What think ye of Christ?!) **GOSPEL!**

b. Jesus' question: V. 42: "What do you think about the Christ? Whose son is he?"(This=main issue, not taxes!)

1) What does "Christ" mean?

Irenaeus: (Bishop in the early church; 180's AD) "Christ" means "Anointed", implying an Anointer, an Anointed one, & an Anointing. The Father anoints; the Son is anointed; the Spirit is the anointing. As the Word says through Isaiah: "The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me, because the LORD has anointed me to bring good news to the poor" (Isa. 61:1). This shows the anointing Father, the anointed Son, and the anointing itself, the Spirit.

WLC 42: Why was our Mediator called Christ? A. Our Mediator was called Christ, because he was anointed with the Holy Ghost above measure; and so set apart, and fully furnished with all authority and ability, to execute the offices of prophet, priest, and king of his Church, in the estate both of his humiliation and exaltation.

2) Do you think about the Christ?

Charles Spurgeon: "What do you think of Christ?" Is it a pleasure for you to think of Christ? Do you so love Him, is He so attractive in your esteem, that you delight to think of Him? Do you frequently think of Christ, just as you often think of those you love? And do you naturally think of Christ just as we naturally think of food without being reminded of it, seeing we have to live upon it, and therefore inward appetite renders impossible to forget? Have you a passion for Christ? . . . Is your nature so changed that Christ has become your friend, and therefore you delight in Him; He's become your food, and therefore you inevitably long for Him, and must do so because of new appetites and cravings within your nature? Do you think of Christ joyfully? Can you say: "In the heavenly Lamb;

Thrice happy I am; And my heart it does leap; At the sound of his name?"

Do you think of Christ, desiring still nearer access & a clearer view of Him, sighing out with sacred love-sickness, saying, "O that I were with Him where He is, or that He were with me where I am?" Do you think of Him with admiration, wondering at the Altogether Lovely One. Do you think of Him with an ardent wish to be conformed to His image, saying, "Gracious Savior, make me like Yourself?" Do you think of Him with practical love, so that you help His cause, help His poor people, proclaim His truth, aid His church, & pity sinners for whom He shed His blood? Do you so think of Christ as to speak well of Him & commend Him to the love of mankind? Do thoughts of Jesus keep you back from sin, & incite you to continue in the paths of holiness for His name's sake? Do you so think of Christ that you pray to Him, that you give to Him, that you work for Him? "What do you think of Christ?" Is He worthy of your actual, practical, diligent service, or is it to be all talk and idle chat & broken resolutions and vain professions? "What do you think of Christ?"

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2. Jesus Is The Son Of David

Matthew 22:42: They said to him, "The son of David."

a. Jesus was the Son of David: Jeremiah 23:5-6: I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, & he shall reign as king & deal wisely, & shall execute justice & righteousness in the land. In his days Judah will be saved, & Israel will dwell securely. & this is the name by which he will be called: "The LORD is our righteousness."

Matt. 1:1: The book of the genealogy of Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham.

Matt. 9:27: two blind men followed him, crying aloud, "Have mercy on us, Son of David."

Matt. 12:23: And all the people were amazed, and said, "Can this be the Son of David?"

M 15:22: a Canaanite woman from that region came out & was crying, "Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David

Matt. 20:30-31: And behold, there were two blind men sitting by the roadside, & when they heard that Jesus was passing by, they cried out, "Lord, have mercy on us, Son of David!"³¹ The crowd rebuked them, telling them to be silent, but they cried out all the more, "Lord, have mercy on us, Son of David!"

Matt. 21:9: the crowds that went before him and that followed him were shouting, "Hosanna to the Son of David!

Romans 1:1-4: Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy Scriptures, concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh and was declared to be the Son of God in power according to the Spirit of holiness by his resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord (**Romans 9:5:** the Christ who is God over all)

b. Jesus was/is a man: Jesus was the Son of David – a real human being with the body of a man, just like us! Jesus was truly man! He bled; He got tired; He cried; He rejoiced; He ate food; He slept; He went to the bathroom!

Jesus had to be truly man because man has sinned! 1. Substitute for us; 2. Represent us; 3. Obey God's law as a man; 4. Take our Sin; 5. Die for us. He had to be God because we owe God an infinite payment – Cross – Love!

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3. The Glorious Truth Of Psalm 110

Matthew 22:43-45: He said to them, "How is it then that David, in the Spirit, calls him Lord, saying, ⁴⁴ "The Lord said to my Lord, Sit at my right hand, until I put your enemies under your feet"? ⁴⁵ If then David calls him Lord, how is he his son?"

a. Jesus loves & teaches God's Word: 1) Jesus teaches us that God's Word is written by men & inspired by God's Spirit: V. 43: How is it then that David, in the Spirit, calls him Lord, saying

2) Jesus is again quoting God's Word: Taxes: Alludes to God's Word (Image of God); Resurrection: God's Word; Greatest Commandment: God's Word; His question here: God's Word – Psalm 110! Word! Word! Word!

- **2 Peter 1:21:** For no prophecy was ever produced by the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.

- **2 Timothy 3:16-17:** All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be competent, equipped for every good work.

Charles Spurgeon: Be a walking Bible; **Said of John Bunyan:** If you pricked him he would bleed the Bible.

Jesus was this! We should view God's written Word the same way God's incarnate Word views God's written Word

b. Jesus asks a second question based on Psalm 110: Matthew 22:43-45: He said to them, "How is it then that David, in the Spirit, calls him Lord, saying, ⁴⁴ "'The Lord said to my Lord, Sit at my right hand, until I put your enemies under your feet?' ⁴⁵ If then David calls him Lord, how is he his son?"

c. The Psalms fill the New Testament: Chad Bird: Which OT book is quoted more in the NT than any other? Psalms. Which OT verse [& chapter] is quoted more in the NT than any other? Psalm 110:1 (The chapter is quoted about 33 times). All but 22 of the 150 psalms are quoted or alluded to in the NT, thus 85% of the psalms are in the NT. The Gospels comment on all the major events in Christ's life via psalms. Which OT book did Jesus quote when he was being crucified? Psalms. Why are the psalms the heart of Scripture? Because, as Martin Franzmann said, "Theology is doxology. Theology must sing." It cannot remain mute words inside a book, but it leaps off the printed page, exits the mouth, and fills the air with a holy sound. In the psalms we sing with Jesus, and Jesus sings with us, in a hymn to the Father through the Spirit, amidst a choir of saints and angels. Here are God's words to us that become our words back to God. The psalms are verbal tears for the suffering, a steady hand to the wavering, a beating heart to the dying. No other biblical book was on the lips of Jesus as he was about to die. Let them ever be on our lips as well, for they are the songs of heaven on earth.

d. The Psalms are about Jesus: Luke 24:44: These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses & the Prophets & the Psalms must be fulfilled.

e. Jesus is also God's Son – Jesus is God: Psalm 110:1: A PSALM OF DAVID. The LORD says to my Lord: "Sit at my right hand, until I make your enemies your footstool."

So, David says: "The LORD says to my Lord" who is David calling "my Lord"? (Jewish Objection) Father's don't call their son's Lord! Jesus is David's Son, but He's more than David's Son – He's greater than David! He's David's Lord & He is Lord of all! Jesus is God! In the context of this Psalm, David's Lord sits at God's right hand (v. 1); He's a Priest forever (v. 4); In v. 5, Kinder notes "Now the Lord (Yahweh) and his King act as one"

- **Sinclair Ferguson:** David's son could only be his Lord if he existed before him and after him. [This David's Son created David & all His other sons – all the kings of Israel!]

Who is Lord of King David! No man! David is King! There is no man greater than him! But there is a God-Man, Messiah, Savior, Anointed One, Son of God, Jesus Christ Who is greater than King David! Jesus is God! Jesus is also God's Son: John 3:16; John 5:18: This was why the Jews were seeking all the more to kill him, because not only was he breaking the Sabbath, but he was even calling God his own Father, making himself equal with God.

Hebrews 1:1-3, 6, 8, 13: Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, ² but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed the heir of all things, through whom also he created the world. ³ He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature, and he upholds the universe by the word of his power. After making purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high . . . ⁶ "Let all God's angels worship him." ⁸ But of the Son he says, [Psalm 45] "Your throne, O God, is forever and ever, the scepter of uprightness is the scepter of your kingdom." . . . ¹³ And to which of the angels has he ever said, "Sit at my right hand until I make your enemies a footstool for your feet"?

Acts 5:31: God exalted him at his right hand as Leader & Savior, to give repentance to Israel & forgiveness of sins
Rom. 8:34: Christ . . . who is at the right hand of God . . . intercedes for us
Heb. 10:11: Every priest stands daily . . . offering repeatedly . . . But . . . Christ . . . sat down at the right hand of God
Heb. 10:13: To wait until his enemies should be made a stool for his feet

Philip Ryken: The one whom David calls his Lord – will receive the kingdom. He will sit at the right hand of God until every last one of his enemies is defeated. The right hand of God represents God's own rule and authority. To be exalted is to sit in that awesome place to reign in glory and to share in the royal majesty of God.

f. Some implications: Jesus is God; We see the Trinity here; Jesus is going to rule & reign!

g. Ps. 110 & the encouragement it was to Jesus: Remember, this is the week right before Jesus is going to die!

David Mathis: When John the Baptist came from the wilderness, Psalm 110 was among the greatest riddles in Scripture, & yet it became the single most quoted Old Testament chapter in the New. (Of all the 929 chapters in the O.T., this chapter is cited most; Of all the 23,145 verses in the O.T., this is the verse quoted most often!) It all began here on the Tuesday before Jesus died, when Jesus Himself planted His foot on ground so holy & high that no one else dared tread there . . . On the other side of the grave, His apostles would follow their pioneer & unleash David's greatest oracle. Peter preached Psalm 110 at Pentecost (Acts 2:33–36), & before the high priest (Acts 5:31). Stephen's last words echoed Psalm 110 (Acts 7:55–56). Paul stepped onto that same holy ground (Romans 8:34; Ephesians 1:20; Colossians 3:1). And what do we say of Hebrews, which has Psalm 110 at its very heart, & referenced eight times? The great riddle of David's prophecy gave way to one of the new covenant's great revelations. We might even summarize the message of the New Testament like this: Psalm 110 has come true. Jesus is not only of David's line but also his Lord, now seated at the Father's right hand. But before the great oracle fed the faith of the church, these words nourished the faith of Jesus himself.

Nine Promises For Jesus In Psalm 110: Verse 1: I will both defeat your enemies & put them under your feet, for your everlasting joy.

Verse 3: I will work in your people's hearts to follow you gladly, not begrudgingly.

Verse 3: I will refresh you continually, not leave you languishing.

Verse 4: I am God and will not change my mind.

Verse 5: I will defeat leaders who oppose you.

Verse 6: I will repay unbelievers who threaten you.

Verse 6: I will destroy those who mean harm against you.

Verse 7: I will give you all you need to endure.

Verse 7: I will preserve you in what is coming upon you.

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4. No One Can Answer Jesus

Matthew 22:46: And no one was able to answer him a word, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

a. The Jewish religious leaders missed this: They are unwilling to confess that Jesus is the Messiah & that He is both human & divine. They would not confess that Jesus is both David's son & God's Son! They don't know what to say! They have no comeback! They have no answers! And, sadly, they do not submit to Jesus as Lord!

b. The most basic confession of a follower of Jesus is "Jesus is Lord!" Romans 10:9: if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.

- **John 20:27-28:** Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, but believe." ²⁸ Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!"

- **Isaiah 45:18, 21-23:** I am the LORD, and there is no other . . . And there is no other god besides me, a righteous God & a Savior; there is none besides me. ²² Turn to me & be saved, all the ends of the earth! For I am God, & there is no other. ²³ By myself I have sworn; from my mouth has gone out in righteousness a word that shall not return: 'To me every knee shall bow, every tongue shall swear allegiance.'

There is one Jewish religious reader who finally did submit to Jesus as Lord! The Apostle Paul!

- **Philippians 2:7-11:** And being found in human form, ⁸ he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. ⁹ Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰ so that at **the name of Jesus** every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth,¹¹ and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is **Lord**, to the glory of God the Father.

Moises Silva: What is the name that Jesus received: "Lord" or "Jesus"? [H.C.G.] Moule gives us a satisfactory answer: "Because of the incarnation, the human name, 'Jesus' is acclaimed as the highest name; and the Man Jesus thus comes to be acclaimed as Lord, to the glory of God the Father."

And because He's Lord, He's worthy of all our love, devotion, allegiance, & delight!

- **Philippians 3:7-8:** But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ. ⁸ Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ

Ligon Duncan: Saul believed on Jesus the Messiah and it cost him everything. It cost him his family. It cost him His career. It cost him his reputation. It cost him his relationships with friends. It cost him everything. There was nothing left of Saul when Jesus had gotten finished, but Saul lost nothing and in fact he gained everything, and I want you to know that that Pharisee understood what it meant – that “David's son was also David's Lord”. There are people in this room today who understand that. There has come a time in their life when God has taken away everything, but He's given them Jesus. And Jesus is so much bigger than the “everything” that He took away, that they count the “everything” rubbish for the surpassing greatness of the knowledge of the love of God in Christ. I want to tell you today that the most important thing – no matter where you are, no matter what you are going through right now – the most important thing in life is that you know Jesus Christ as the Messiah, the Son of God. And, losing everything you'll gain more.

Jesus Is Our God And LORD; His Teachings Cannot Be Ignored; The Great Crowds Heard Him And Adored; Believe In Him – There's Great Reward!

Jesus taught and would exclaim:

“How is the Christ the son you claim?!”

He's David's son – prophets proclaim

He's also more – He's God Who came

And conquered every Scribe word game

He's Son of God with greatest fame

He healed the sick and blind and lame

Then died and bloody wore our blame

But rose alive to crush our shame

And we shall never be the same

May God set all our hearts aflame

For the glory of His great name

Christ is the Lion you can't tame!

Our lives are short – they're not a game

To live for Him's our greatest aim

His praise eternal we'll proclaim!

Is this Christ your all in all?
He became this all for Saul!
Who wrote the Words that “Christ is all!”
And from all nations He will call
To save great sinners big and small
And make them down before Him fall
To worship Him as LORD of all!

In the Spirit David wrote God's Word
If from God you wish you heard
Take up the book and read – be stirred
If an audible you've preferred
Read out loud – He won't be slurred
For our great LORD is never blurred
All His righteousness transferred
If, by faith, you'll trust His Word
Blessings unknown shall be conferred
To turn from Him would be absurd
So trust the Son Whom we've referred
He is the King Who loves the Word!

He shut the mouths of all His foes
Over whom He'd cry His woes
On to that cross our LORD He goes
All mighty powers to depose
And every secret heart expose
He'd die to save all those He chose
And from the grave He has arose
He every evil overthrows
In us His power only grows
He's our righteous, holy clothes
Take Him as yours and don't oppose
But trust Him gladly for repose
And rest in Him Who all things knows!

Christ Jesus Finally Ends All Confrontation
They've Tested And Tried Him Without Cessation
Questions They've Asked Like Satan's Temptation
Yet He's Been Victorious In Every Situation
He Always Wins So There's Celebration
Now He Leads The Final Interrogation
Takes The Wheel Of This Investigation
To Show They Don't Know The Incarnation
He's David's Son But More Elevation

He's David's Lord, The God-Man Revelation
He Died On That Cross As Our Propitiation
Then Rose From The Dead For Our Justification
They Can't Answer Him, He Ends The Conversation
There's No More Questions, They Should Bow In Prostration
By Faith Alone There's No Condemnation
He's Our Holy Fascination Who Grants Us Salvation
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