

Matthew 22:41-46

Whose Son Is the Christ?

Turning the tables ...

I. The Christ

A. Messiah

B. David's Son

II. Before Your Very Eyes

A. David's Lord

B. Without Question

III. Who Do you See?

A. The Back of a Veil

B. The Face of Jesus

... on unbelief.

Children, Listen ...

1. What did the Jewish people call the Savior they were hoping for?
2. Which king's son did this Savior have to be?
3. Jesus was not that King's child, so how can we think of Him as a son of David?
4. What Psalm does Jesus mention?
5. Jesus is the Son of David (as a great-great etc. grandson) and He was born of Mary (a great-great, etc. granddaughter of David) – so He is human like us. But whose Son is He also that makes Him very different than us?

Unveiling the Son

So far, the Pharisees and Sadducees have been attempting to put Jesus on the hot seat by asking him questions laced with the sinister intention of trapping Him. Their end goal was to destroy Him. In our passage, Jesus turns the tables on them by asking them a question that, answered correctly, contains the message of life. The inquiry has to do with the nature of the Savior of Israel, the long-awaited Messiah, known also as the Christ. In doing so he actually addresses at least one half-truth they held regarding Messiah. The half they had correct was that he was to be in the line of David. By inviting them to consider closely Psalm 110, Jesus confirms that, be in doing so he confronts them with the fact that Messiah must be so much more than a mere man. He is, of course, ultimately speaking of Himself as He stood right there in front of them. Because of their veil of unbelief, they couldn't see Him for Who He is. Alas, some would never believe. But in time, some from the same ilk would see and believe once, through Christ, the "veil is lifted from their hearts" by the Holy Spirit and they finally see Jesus as the Messiah He is. Son of David indeed, and Son of the Living God.

For more on Jesus and David see Acts 2:23-36 Acts 13:21-41
To discover how the veil of unbelief is removed see 2
Corinthians 3:12-4:6