



LESSON 132 MARK 12:35-37

And Jesus answered and said, while he taught in the temple, How say the scribes that Christ is the Son of David? For David himself said by the Holy Ghost, The LORD said to my Lord, Sit thou on my right hand, till I make thine enemies thy footstool. David therefore himself calleth him Lord; and whence is he then his son? And the common people heard him gladly.

Questions

1. Jesus "taught in the temple." What lessons can you learn from this simple statement?

In comparing this passage with the account in Matt. 22:41-46, we find that Jesus asked this question of the Pharisees in a teaching session at the temple. **While the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them, Saying, What think ye of Christ (Messiah)? whose son is he? They say unto him, The Son of David.** The scribes were the teachers/students of the scriptures and were supposed to be the most knowledgeable in the Word.

2. What was the significance of the title "Son of David?"

3.a. Who is the "LORD?" Who is the "Lord?"

b. How did David know what to prophesy?

4. After He was crowned King of heaven and Earth, Jesus heard His Father invite Him to sit on a throne at His right side, giving Him the most honored place, "till I make Your enemies Your footstool." When will that happen?

5. This passage contains prophecy, the Trinity, the coronation of Jesus Christ as King of heaven and earth, and the vengeance of God against evil. What is the evidence of each in this passage?

Possible Answers

1. "Jesus taught" Jesus knew what He was supposed to do. Everyone has something to do every single day, a purpose to fulfill, and works to complete. Eph 2:10 For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them. Give each day to the Lord and let Him direct you into what you are to do.

We may not be teachers in a formal sense, but we all are teachers of those around us. We teach either good things or bad things by the way we treat people, what we say to them, and the attitudes we demonstrate. The Lord Jesus was the best Teacher because He lived in complete accord with what He taught of the principles and Word of His Father. There was no hypocrisy in Him. There was no sin of any kind in Jesus. 1 Peter 2:22, Isaiah 53:9, 2 Cor 5:21, 1 John 3:5

Jesus taught that day in the temple, because the Holy Spirit directed Him to do that and He

obeyed.

b. Jesus taught the scripture. This particular passage is quoted from Psalm 110:1. Jesus had studied the scripture as a Child and a young Man. He had spent time learning the written Word. That pleased His Father. (Luke 2:40, 52 And the child grew, and waxed strong in spirit, filled with wisdom: and the grace of God was upon him. v. 52 And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favour with God and man. Matt 3:16-17 And Jesus, when he was baptized, went up straightway out of the water: and, lo, the heavens were opened unto him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and lighting upon him: And a voice from heaven, saying, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.)

Bible study is a good way to learn scripture, but there are other ways, including memorization and meditation on the Word of God, singing the scripture, etc.

c. " ...taught in the temple"

The church should be one of many places you can learn scripture. Look for a church that teaches the Word and whose pastors and members live it. However, the temple wasn't the only [place Jesus taught the Word. He taught by the seashore Luke 5:1-3; in the meeting places in cities Luke 4:15, 31; in corn fields Luke 6:1-5. In the Old Testament, Deut. 6:4-6 specifies when and where we should teach others to love God and their fellowmen.

d. "Jesus taught" What are you teaching? If you have the Holy Spirit of God living in you, and you are following His directions, you will walk in truth and faith, the light of God, and His love. These things are what will be seen in you. Matt 5:14,16 a. Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid. b. Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it giveth light unto all that are in the house. Let your light so shine before men (D: in your family and in the world, in the body of Christ and outside it), that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.

Others will recognize you are different from the usual self-centered, "me first" people they have met. They eventually may want to know what makes you different and you can tell them about Jesus. Song of Solomon 5:9 (paraphrase) They ask, What makes your beloved more than any other? What would you tell them?

At some point, every Christian should be able to teach others, perhaps not in a formal setting, but in a conversational setting. Hebrews 5:12-14 For though by this time you ought to be teachers, you need someone to teach you again the first principles of the oracles of God; and you have come to need milk and not solid food. For everyone who partakes only of milk is unskilled in the word of righteousness, for he is a babe. But solid food belongs to those who are of full age, that is, those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil.

Every Christian should be able to explain the basic doctrines of the Word of God, listed in Heb. 6:1-2 (repentance from dead works and of faith toward God, of the doctrine of baptisms, of laying on of hands, of resurrection of the dead, and of eternal judgment...) Take a few moments to go over this list and explain each one to yourself. If one stumps you, or you don't understand much about it, then commit to finding and studying all the verses that have to do with that subject, until you are confident of being able to explain it to someone else. (You can use the online version of Nave's Topical Concordance to get all the verses that relate to a particular subject, like repentance or resurrection, etc.)

2. "Son of David" It was a phrase that emphasized the Christ's humanity, but not His Deity. The scribes taught that the Messiah would be the Son of David, while they left out the more important information that the Messiah would be the Son of God. The scribes ignored the scriptures like this one that spoke of and taught that the Messiah would be God in the flesh.

Isa 7:14 Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel (God with us).

The scribes ignored another scripture in Isaiah 9:6-7 that this Son of the virgin would be the Son of God, not just Son of David. For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this.

3a. Here " LORD" means Jehovah, the I AM, the Self-existent One in the Hebrew language and represents God the Father; " Lord" represents God the Son.

b. It was told David that the Son of God would come in the flesh at some point in time. The Holy Spirit told David what to write. David heard the Spirit of God speak to him. We can hear the voice of the Lord, too. John 10:3,27 But he that entereth in by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. . .and the sheep hear his voice: v. 27 My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me...

4. Read Revelation, chapters 19-20. At the end of the seven years of tribulation on the Earth, Christ returns here to defeat His enemies, and to judge all those who have set themselves against God. Then He will reign on the Earth as King of all. "Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven."

5. Prophecy--the Father will defeat the enemies of His Son...John 5:23, Heb 1:13, 10:13; the Trinity--LORD, Jesus Christ, Holy Spirit; the coronation of Jesus as King--"Sit down at My right hand..." Only Jesus Christ was ever invited to sit in the presence of God. Heb 1:3, Isa 6:1-5, 12:41; "I'll make Your enemies Your footstool." God always keeps His Word. Rev 19-20.

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