

Life and Ministry of Jesus Christ Whose Son is He

Last times...the challenges and inspections of God's Passover Lamb

The apolitical Pharisees and Herodians came to Jesus with a political question...a trap

The unspiritual Sadducees came with a spiritual question...a trap

The thoughtful scribe came with a Biblical question...sincere

This time...Jesus has a question for those "inquiring minds"

The question is about the Messiah

We will again be in Matt 22, with references to the parallel passages in Mark 12 and
Luke 20

v41-42 Pharisees were gathered...Christ, whose son is he:

The Pharisees gathered after the Sadducees ate crow (v34)

Out of that gathering came a scribe with a sincere question about the Law

The scribe publically commended Jesus on His answer to the question and

Jesus publically told the scribe that he was not far from the kingdom
of God

The gathering of Pharisees watched and heard the interaction between the scribe,
one of their own, and Jesus

So now Jesus turns to the gathering of Pharisees with a question of His own

"What do ye think of Christ/Messiah – whose son is he?"

They promptly answered: David's

To which Jesus has a follow-up question

v43-45 How then does David in spirit call him Lord:

If the Messiah is David's son, how does David, speaking in the spirit,
call his son Lord/Supreme Authority/God?

Then Jesus quotes Ps 110:1 (Hebrew)

The LORD: Self-Existent, eternal Jehovah, Creator,
covenant God of AI&J

said unto my: David's

Lord: sovereign Master, the Messiah promised thru David

Sit thou at My right hand: the LORD's right hand,

position of honor and power and authority,
in heaven/eternity (Is 57:15)

till I make thine enemies thy footstool: the LORD God Almighty will
destroy the enemies of the Messiah; the Messiah will put His foot
on the necks of His defeated enemies

Ps 110:5 The Lord at thy (LORD's) right hand shall strike
through kings in the day of his wrath

Note: 3 important truths in Ps 110:1

1. Who: The LORD God to David's Lord (God)
2. Where: The Throne of God in heaven
3. What: The defeated enemies of the Messiah

So how can the Messiah

- called by David to be his Lord/Supreme Authority/God
- sitting on the Throne of God in heaven

be David's son?

Is David's son David's Lord/God?!

How can the Lord/God be David's son?

What is the nature of the Messiah?

Whose Son is He?

v46 no man was able to answer:

After Jesus asks His follow-up questions, what do we hear?

Crickets.

Silence, not so much as one word...no one has an answer to this Biblical
puzzle

And no one has any more questions

Jesus' question – Whose Son is the Messiah? – is The Most Important question

In the midst of a multitude in the Temple before a gathering of Pharisees, did Jesus answer His own question?

No

Must His question be answered?

Yes!

Is Jesus' question answered?

Yes, in Scripture (OT on that day)

Whose Son is He?

Let's search the Scriptures for the answer to this most important question

But first, why search the Scriptures?

Matt 22:43 in spirit

Mark 12:36 by the Holy Ghost

Luke 20:42 in the Book of Psalms

Who is the Author of the Book of Psalms and the rest of the Scriptures?

God the Holy Spirit

The Scriptures are inspired, God-breathed, the very words of the living God

David recorded God's words in the Psalms...the role of the prophet is to record the very words of God

1 Cor 14:32 the spirits of the prophets are subject to the prophets

The prophets, like all men, have free will

“The devil made me do it” is a false statement

James 1:14-15 But every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed. Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin: and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death.

Likewise, “God made me do it” is a false statement

We have free will, we have control, we have personal responsibility for our choices

2 Peter 1:21 prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake *as they were* moved by the Holy Ghost

The prophets were not expressing their personal thoughts but expressing the mind of God in words provided by the Holy Ghost

The Christ/Messiah, Whose Son is He?

1. Son of Man

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| Eve | Gen 3:15 | I will put enmity between you and the woman and between your seed and her seed Son promised to the Woman seed is in the male so biologically “contrary”, meaning this will be supernatural |
| Seth | Gen 4:25 Gen 5 The Line of the promised Son | God has appointed me another seed instead of Abel generations of Adam to Noah thru Seth |
| Shem | Gen 11:10 The Line of the promised Son | the generations of Shem includes Abram |
| Abram | Gen 12:3 | in you shall all the families of the earth be blessed |
| Isaac | Gen 17:19 The Son of Promise (vs Ishamel) Gen 26:1-4 | I will establish My covenant with him for an everlasting covenant in your seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed |
| Jacob | Gen 28:12-14 Num 24:17 | in your seed shall all the families of the earth be blessed there shall come a Star out of Jacob and a Sceptre out of Israel |
| Judah | Gen 49:10 | The scepter shall not depart out of Judah... until Shiloh come |
| David | 2 Sam 7:12-13 Is 11:1-5 | I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever there shall come forth a rod out of the stem of Jesse and a Branch shall grow out of his roots and the spirit of the LORD will rest upon him |
| But... | Jer 23:28-30 | Write this man childless...for no man of his seed shall prosper, sitting upon the throne of David |

Something supernatural must happen if God is to keep His Word to David

2. Son of God

Ps 2

the LORD God's anointed/Messiah...the Lord seated in heaven
The Messiah is the LORD God's Son and King

Prov 30:4

Who hath ascended up into heaven, or descended? who hath gathered the wind in his fists? who hath bound the waters in a garment? who hath established all the ends of the earth? what *is* his name, and what *is* his son's name, if thou canst tell?

Is 7:14

Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel

Matt 1:23 which being interpreted in, "God with us"

the supernatural promised to Eve and to keep His Word to David

Is 9:6-7

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.

Jer 23:5-6

Behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that I will raise unto David a righteous Branch, and a King shall reign and prosper, and shall execute judgment and justice in the earth. In his days Judah shall be saved, and Israel shall dwell safely: and this *is* his name whereby he shall be called, THE LORD OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS.

The Christ, therefore is the Son of Man **AND** the Son of God
Where does the Son come from?

Bethlehem

Micah 5:2 But thou, Bethlehem Ephratah, *though* thou be little among the thousands of Judah, *yet* out of thee shall he come forth unto me *that is* to be ruler in Israel; whose goings forth *have been* from of old, from everlasting

Egypt

Hosea 11:1 When Israel *was* a child, then I loved him, and called my son out of Egypt.

Nazareth

Matt 2:23 And he came and dwelt in a city called Nazareth: that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophets, He shall be called a Nazarene (Is 11:1, Jer 23:5; *nezer* = Branch)

Everlasting/eternity Micah 5:2 But thou, Bethlehem Ephratah, *though* thou be little among the thousands of Judah, *yet* out of thee shall he come forth unto me *that is* to be ruler in Israel; whose goings forth *have been* . from of old, from everlasting

Above/heaven John 8:23 **Ye are from beneath; I am from above: ye are of this world; I am not of this world**

All these things must be true of God's Messiah – Whose Son and where from
Not one or several...ALL, or the Word of God is not true and God is a liar

The mystery of the Messiah – the revelation of God's truth over time regarding the Savior
100% Man ASSAIJD via virgin (Seed of the Woman)
100% God God the Son
Came from heaven to earth
He is from earthly Bethlehem, Egypt, AND Nazareth

What does God require of man regarding the mystery and revelation of His Messiah?
Faith...to believe what He has said (foretold, prophesied)
to seek His eternal perspective vs holdfast to our limited perspective
to see the Big Picture into which all the seemingly contrary details fit perfectly

Why did Jesus “gag” demons regarding His Identity?
He is not the Messiah of demons (they have knowledge, not faith)

Why did Jesus say to Jews “Tell no man” regarding His Identity/nature?
He had already given them the Scriptures

Why did Jesus tell Gentiles to “Go tell” regarding His Identity/nature?
They did not have the Scriptures

How was the mystery of the Messiah revealed to both Jew and Gentile?
By faith, each according to the revelation they had been given

Whose Son is He?
The Son of God that was made flesh,
the Promised Son of the Woman **AND** the Son of David

Stepping back, looking at what has transpired thus far in the Final Week of Jesus' ministry, our previous 6 studies after The Triumphal Entry have been about the challenges and the inspections of Jesus Christ by His enemies

Matt 21:23-32 By what Authority do You do these things?
Who gave You this authority?

The baptism of John...neither do I tell you by what authority I do these things

The Parable of the Two Sons

Matt 21:33-46 The Parable of the Wicked Husbandmen (v38)

Matt 22:1-14 The Parable of the Marriage of the King's Son

Matt 22:15-22 The political question of the unbelieving Pharisees and Herodians

Matt 22:23-33 The spiritual question of the unbelieving Sadducees

Matt 22:34-40 The Biblical question of the sincere scribe

Since the Triumphal Entry of God's Messiah the King, we have gone
From: By what authority do you do these things and Who gave you this authority?
To: Deut 6:4 and the One-ness of the LORD God of AI&J

Jesus ends with: Ps 110:1, God the Father and God the Son sharing the Throne in heaven, until the conquering of His enemies

Thereby answering, By what authority and Who gave you this authority?

Thereby showing no contradiction between the One-ness of God and His Deity (John 10:30)

Thereby, mercifully putting His enemies on Notice regarding what has happened and what will happen...as He has foretold them in the Scriptures

The Self-Existent, Eternal God is the Creator of Life

Man, made a living soul by the breath of God, sinned and death corrupted God's perfect creation

Every soul that sins shall die (Ezk 18:4, Rom 3:23, Heb 9:27)

The Creator promised to make alive again that which is dead (man), thru the Person and work of His Messiah...by faith

Life after death is not the invention of man but the revelation of God,
thru the prophets who were inspired by the Holy Ghost to record
God's very words

But God's prophets were rejected by God's people and His words were
made light of by God's people
Parables of the Two Sons, the Wicked Husbandmen, and
the Marriage of the King's Son

So the LORD God sent His final Prophet/Messenger – His Son, in Whom
is the Life of men (John 1:1-4)

In the Messiah, death is defeated, the certainty of death is trumped by the
certainty of life after death

The sin of man that brought in death is overcome by the righteousness and
perfection of Christ (Son of Man and Son of God), Who, as the
Father's Passover Lamb, died for our sins and was raised from the
dead for our justification because His blood cleansed us from all
sin

To reject the LORD God's Messiah and His sin sacrifice is to declare
oneself an enemy of God and to face a certain judgment for that
unbelief and rebellion, being cast into outer darkness where there
is wailing and gnashing of teeth

With His question, "The Christ, Whose Son is He?" Jesus Christ has

- revealed to the people the hypocrisy and wickedness of their religious leaders
- mercifully given those wicked leaders pause, another opportunity to repent

Jesus' question should stop the religious leaders in their tracks and cause them
to go search the Scriptures, the LORD God's revealed truth to Israel...
to answer their questions of "By what authority and Who gave it to you?"

Jesus' question should derail the plot of the religious leaders to kill Jesus while
they go learn of the nature/Identity of the Messiah – Whose Son is He?!

STOP and Think it through!

1. Scripture (what God says not what man says about what God says)
2. My works \ in the Light of Scripture
3. My words /
4. Your questions of Me
5. My questions of you
6. Your plot to kill Me

We know what happens...for we have the entire counsel of God

Hosea 4:6a My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge

Hosea 4:14b the people *that* doth not understand shall fall

Hosea 6:6 I desired mercy, and not sacrifice; and the knowledge of God more than burnt offerings

Moving forward, when the Son returns to the right hand of the Father, the Holy Spirit will be sent with further revelation of the mystery of the Messiah, as posed by Jesus by quoting Ps 110:1

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| The 4 Gospels | inspired, God-breathed |
| The Epistles | by men of God (Apostles) as moved by the Holy Ghost |
| Revelation | Ps 110 in detail |

btw...Ps 110:4 The LORD hath sworn, and will not repent, Thou *art* a priest for ever after the order of Melchizedek

The Messiah is also a priest forever after the order of Mel
Study Heb 5-9 this afternoon

Application

The Christ, Whose Son is He?

What is your answer?

How do you know?

Can you share what you know with others?

Be a Berean, more noble than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the Word with all readiness of mind, and searched the Scriptures daily, whether those things were so.

There is a cerebral, an intellectual, aspect to following Jesus: knowing Who you are following

Dan 9:11-13 Yea, all Israel have transgressed thy law, even by departing, that they might **not obey thy voice**; therefore the curse is poured upon us, and the oath that *is* written in the law of Moses the servant of God, because we have sinned against him. And **he hath confirmed his words**, which he spake against us, and against our judges that judged us, by bringing upon us a great evil: for under the whole heaven hath not been done as hath been done upon Jerusalem. **As *it is* written** in the law of Moses, all this evil is come upon us: yet made we not our prayer before the LORD our God, that we might turn from our iniquities, and **understand thy truth**

Dan 10:21a I will shew thee that which is noted in **the scripture of truth**

Jer 9:24 But let him that glorieth glory in this, that **he understandeth and knoweth me**, that I *am* the LORD which exercise lovingkindness, judgment, and righteousness, in the earth: for in these *things* I delight, saith the LORD

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2 Tim 2:15 Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth

Heb 5:10-14

2 Peter 3:16-18

Each of us must be a student!
Our Creator, the LORD God Almighty, is challenging us to know Him
Diligently studying the very words of God
Letting the Author interpret His words
Waiting for revelation

And there is no substitute for time and effort

The Days of Inspection are over
His enemies have struck out
With their questions and with His

Jesus did not lob them a “softball”
He “pitched” a very difficult question, one requiring faith in the Word of God

Now it’s Jesus’ turn to hit – and He does!
When we return to this Study after Christmas, Jesus “tees up” His enemies

Next week: The Arrival of the Messiah – How and Why