**Pastor Demetric Felton Sr. \_ \_ December 26, 2021**

**Jesus Is God, Therefore He Defines How We Live**

Mark 12:35-40

**Key Truth:** Righteous living goes beyond appearances.

**Jesus Reveals His Identity:**

1. Jesus is not merely of human origin, He is divine.

 **Matthew 1:1, 1:20-25**

 A. Son of David means heir to the earthly throne of David.

 B. Son of God means Heir to the eternal throne of God, ruling

 both heaven and earth. **Daniel 7:13-14**

2. Jesus wants the crowd to raise their understanding of the

 Messiah’s identity.

**Jesus Rebukes the Religious Leaders:**

1. Spiritual leadership is about serving others rather than being

 served. **1 Peter 5:1-4**

2. Spiritual leadership requires humility.

3. Spiritual leaders are to be example of a life worth imitating.

 **Hebrews 13:7-8**

4. Spiritual leaders’ motives are just as important as their

 actions.

**Truths To Live By:**

1. As God’s son, Jesus came to save us from your sins.

2. Christianity isn’t aligned with any military or political agenda.

3. Jesus is not just a good person teaching spiritual principles.

 **John 14:6**

4. Don’t desire spiritual leadership if you are unwilling to serve.

**Taking It Beyond The Walls:** Thank God for Jesus love and sacrifice. As Christians let’s emulate His life and spread the message of Salvation to everyone we know.

**Connection Group Homework**

Looking back at your notes, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?

Read Mark 12:38-40: According to Jesus, what common actions did the scribes take to stand out from the rest? What might their motives have been for doing so?

What types of things do people do today to get the attention of their friends or the public at large? What might their motives be for doing so?

What do you think Jesus meant when He accused the scribes of “devouring widows”?

Humility is a very important character trait for helping us stay teachable and less likely to use the Bible in “bad” ways. When we are proud, we do the opposite. What do you learn about pride and humility from the following passages?

Proverbs 11:2

Proverbs 16:18

Romans 12:3

1 Peter 5:5-7

Humility is often defined as an accurate view of ourselves - including our strengths, weaknesses and limitations. Do you think humility in our interactions with others is similar or different from humility in our relationship with God?