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**Jesus Silences His Critics Part 4**

Matthew 22:41-46

**Key Truth:** Who you believe Jesus is, determines your relationship with God and your eternal destiny.

**Jesus Flips The Script:** What’s With The Question?

1. The Pharisees and the religious leaders believed the Messiah

 would be the human descendant of David. 2 Samuel 7:12-13

 A. Therefore, there is nothing supernatural about the

 Messiah.

2. Jesus is challenging their limited view of the Messiah.

 Isaiah 7:14, Isaiah 9:6

 A. Jesus is stating that the Holy Spirit inspired David to

 prophecy that the Messiah would be the Divine Son of God.

 Psalm 110:1-4, Matthew 22:43, 2 Timothy 3:16, 2 Peter 1:21

 B. The Gospel of Matthew was written to prove that Jesus is

 the Messiah, the Son of God. Matthew 16:16

**The Pharisees’ Response:**

1. Their silence spoke loudly. Matthew 22:46

 A. It proved that Jesus was right, yet they refused to believe.

**Why The Dual Nature Of Jesus Is Important?**

1. Jesus Christ is the only acceptable human substitute for sin.

 John 1:29, Philippians 2:5-11, Hebrews 4:14-16, 10:4-7

2. Jesus is the Divine Son of God that imparts His righteousness

 to us. 2 Corinthians 5:21, Romans 3:21-26

3. Only faith in the real Jesus Christ saves! Acts 2:34-38,

 Romans 10:9

**Taking It Beyond The Walls:** Believing Jesus is a good moral human teacher is not enough. You must confess that He is God who has come in the flesh to bring you new life. Confess Jesus as Lord and begin following His way of life today.

**Connection Group Homework:**

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

What comes to mind when you think of a king? What do kings do?

How does Jesus fit your description of a king? In what ways does He not fit your description?

Read Psalm 110:1-2 and Matthew 22:41-46: What comes to mind when you think of Jesus? How do you think most non-Christians in America today envision Jesus?

What is significant about Jesus’ position in verse 1? Read Hebrews 1:3-6, what did Jesus accomplish before He sat down?

What does God promise to one day do to Jesus’ enemies in verses 1, 5-6? How does this image compare with how our culture tends to view Jesus?

Why is it important for us to understand Jesus as both human and divine? What would be deficient about our understanding of Jesus if we only viewed Him as one or the other?

Do you believe that Jesus is God? Why or why not? What Scripture would you use to back up your belief?

How has being in Connection Group helped your faith grow?