

SERMON *study* GUIDE

WHO DO YOU THINK JESUS IS? (LUKE 20:41-44)

THE POINT:

Jesus gets to tell you what to do because of who Jesus is.

THE PROBLEM:

People who had the Bible, said they loved God, and were expecting the Messiah, hated Jesus and wanted him dead. If they could be that wrong about Jesus, we could be too.

So, the question is, why did they reject him? Luke's narrative gives the answer.

Jesus says He is Lord. The religious leaders don't like that idea. The issue is not lack of evidence or bad teaching. It is authority. They are fine with Jesus teaching, helping and rescuing, but not Jesus ruling.

This can be a problem even now for people who say they follow Jesus. They like a Jesus who agrees with them, but will resist Him when He doesn't.

Instead of submitting, they raise objections and use Scripture to justify themselves, like these religious people did back then.

This is spiritually dangerous - thinking you love Jesus while mostly just loving your version of Him.

Because, the Jesus of the Bible TOTALLY GETS TO TELL YOU WHAT TO DO and in Luke 20:27-44, we are going to see two reasons why.

THE REASONS:

1. What Jesus will Do – The Resurrection (20:27-40)

- Resurrection = public validation of Jesus' authority (Rom 1:4)
- The One who defeats death **has the right to rule**
- Sadducees deny resurrection → reject Jesus' demands → respond with resistance

When obedience feels costly, tie it to the resurrection → The One who defeats death for you gets to be King over you.

2. Who Jesus Is – His Person (20:41-44)

Jesus' Question: "How can they say the Christ is David's Son?"

- Not denial → correction of **incomplete theology**
- They were right—but not deep enough

Their mistake:

- Defining the Messiah by what he would *do*
- Without first grasping who he *is*

THE SAVIOR IS THE KING AND THEY SHOULD HAVE KNOWN IT

Psalm 110:1

"The Lord said to my Lord..."

- David calls his descendant *my Lord* → culturally unthinkable
- David (the standard of kings) bows to his own son

Only conclusion:

- The Messiah is not merely David's son
- He is **David's God.**

This is all over the Old Testament.

- Psalm 45 – Messiah called God
- Psalm 72 – eternal, worshiped king
- Isaiah 9 – Mighty God
- Isaiah 7 – God with us
- Jeremiah 23 – YHWH our righteousness
- Psalm 110 – enthroned at God's right hand

So, they had every piece they needed. Even the disciples got it! The information wasn't missing. All Jesus had to do was ask one question and the conclusion was obvious.

But they didn't WANT to see what was right in front of them. That's why they were getting so angry at what He was telling them to do and why they weren't going to benefit from what He was going to do.

You just won't get to enjoy what Jesus does without being willing to submit to who he is - and the Bible makes clear, He is truly man and He is also truly God.

And if He is God, you are not!

But, that's **good news**:

- Because, God's not asking you to save yourself.
- He sent the PERFECT Savior.

The danger though is to expect the Savior and reject the King, to want to benefit from Jesus' work, while refusing to acknowledge Jesus' person. But if He really is who Scripture says he is, that's impossible.

So, let's look forward to what the Bible says Jesus is going to do and demonstrate we believe who the Bible says He is by:

- Actively seeking to find out what He wants from us
- Refusing to get angry and argue when we hear what He is telling us to do
- And commit to joyfully doing exactly what He says

SERMON NOTES: