

Who is Jesus to You?

Matthew 22:41-46

He is fully human (42)

● Question: *What do you think about the Christ? Whose son is He?*

1. In this context, the meaning of *son* is d_____.
2. Prophecy names three people – Jesse (Is 11:1), D_____ (Jer 23:5,6), and Solomon (2 Sam 7:12,13)
3. The Old Testament emphasizes that the Christ would descend from David (Isaiah 9:6,7; Ps 89:2,3; Jer 30:9; Ez 37:24; Hos 3:5).
 - a. The term *Son of David* was a p_____ term for Christ or Messiah used by the Jews of Jesus' day (Matt 9:27; 12:23; 15:22; 20:30; 21:9).
 - b. Being a descendant of David means that the Christ would have to be h_____.

● Confusion

1. In the days of the last apostle, John, a cult group arose that denied that Christ was human. They became known as the Gn_____.
 - a. They taught that Jesus was human, but Christ was a divine s_____ who indwelled Jesus at His baptism but withdrew from Him when He was nailed to the cross.
 - b. I Jn 2:22; 4:1-3 was specifically written to apply to this group.
2. Primary example of Gnosticism today – Christian S_____ Church.
3. Sometimes Christians can float to gnostic philosophy by s_____ Jesus humanity from His deity (e.g. *that was the human side of Jesus*).
 - a. Jesus was not p_____ human but fully human and remains fully human (1 Tim 2:5).
 - b. Jesus is the i_____ of the invisible God (Col 1:15) and the exact representation of God's nature (Heb 1:3) and so never steps out of that image or representation.

He is fully God (43,44)

- The basic assumption of Jesus – the scriptures are inspired by God and so is truth.
 1. David wrote the words “in the Spirit” – this means that even though David wrote it, it is God’s word because He moved David to write it (2 Pet 1:21).
 2. Jesus taught the O.T. to be inspired by God (Matt 5:17,18; Lk 11:28) and that His words would be preserved by the Holy Spirit through His apostles (Jn 14:26)
 3. Since Jesus rose from the dead, what He said must be true and so the scriptures are God’s word to us.
- The inspired words of David (Ps 110:1) - *The LORD said to my Lord*
 1. LORD, is the Hebrew word, Yahweh which is the Hebrew name of God.
 2. Lord is the Hebrew word, Adonai which means my master.
 3. David is calling the prophesied Christ his current master.
- Question – *How is David’s Lord his descendant?*
 1. David’s descendant was not born yet.
 2. David’s future descendant was a spirit being in David’s life when He wrote this Psalm. He must have been a spirit being.
- Clarification – the Scriptures teach that Jesus is fully God
 1. The N.T. (Jn 1:1) – The WORD was God (later in the chapter the Word becoming flesh is identified as Jesus).
 2. The O.T.
 - a. The angel of the Lord viewed Abraham’s attempted sacrifice of Isaac to God as a sacrifice to him (Gen 22:1,2,11,12 – *you have not withheld your son from ME*).
 - b. The angel of the Lord with whom Jacob wrestled to Jacob that he was wrestling with the LORD (Gen 32:28-30)
 - c. Several scriptures show the angel of the Lord to be God and the spokesperson for God (the WORD of John 1:1)
 3. Isaiah 9:6,7
 - a. Prophecies of the humanity of the Christ – *a child will be born to us.*
 - b. Prophecies of the deity of the Christ – *He will be called the Mighty One.*

● Beware of those who deny that Jesus is fully God

1. The Jehovah's Witnesses say Jesus was ___ god and should not be worshiped. However,
 - a. Jesus a _____ worship (e.g. Matt 28:9)
 - b. Jesus demanded all to h _____ Him in the same way that the Father is to be honored (Jn 5:22,23)
2. There are some preachers and teachers in Christian denominations who do not believe that Jesus is God.

Who is Jesus to you? (45)

● The information that Jesus gave was not to be just facts - Jesus is the Christ proven by

1. His w _____
2. His w _____
3. The prophecies He f _____.

● The information that Jesus gave was to be personalized (Matt 23:10 – *only one is your leader, Christ*). – Is Jesus (God in the flesh) your personal Lord, leader?

1. When you read the scriptures? - Do you see it as information or as Jesus speaking to you?
2. When you pray? - Do you see it as a formality or as a way of communicating with your Lord?
3. When you go about your daily life? – Are you following the leading of your personal Lord, living as He wills?