

Mark 10:45 For even the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many.

40- The Lord of David Mark 12:35-40

I- Meaning of the Son of David:

Mark 12:35 And Jesus answered and said, while he taught in the temple, How say the scribes that Christ is the Son of David? The title "Son of David" is the most common title used to refer to the coming Messiah. *Isaiah 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. 7 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.*

We see here the promise was that Messiah would sit on the throne of David. Jesus certainly is not denying this is fact.

*Isaiah 11:1-2 And there shall come forth a rod out of the stem of Jesse, and a Branch shall grow out of his roots: 2 And the spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the LORD;* Jesse was the father of King David.

*Jeremiah 23:5 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.* The righteous Branch, or the Messiah, would come from the lineage of David to be both the King as well as the Judge.

*Ezekiel 37:24 And David my servant shall be king over them; and they all shall have one shepherd: they shall also walk in my judgments, and observe my statutes, and do them.* In Ezekiel we find that the servant is also the Shepherd.

Remember the blind man Bartimaeus in *Mark 10:47 And when he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to cry out, and say, Jesus, thou Son of David, have mercy on me.*

We hear the people after a miracle of healing call Him that in *Matthew 12:22-23 Then was brought unto him one possessed with a devil, blind, and dumb: and he healed him, insomuch that the blind and dumb both spake and saw. 23 And all the people were amazed, and said, Is not this the son of David?*

We see it on display at the triumphant entry. Matthew records the crowds cry as Messiah enters in *Matthew 21:9 And the multitudes that went before, and that followed, cried, saying, Hosanna to the Son of David: Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord; Hosanna in the highest.*

This was not only the thought in the gospels but was also clear in the epistles as well. *Romans 1:3-4 Concerning his Son Jesus Christ our Lord, which was made of the seed of David according to the flesh; 4 And declared to be the Son of God with power, according to the spirit of holiness, by the resurrection from the dead:*

The genealogies of Jesus in Matthew and Luke show that Jesus was in fact of the lineage of David.

II- Is He More Than the Son of David?

Why do I ask this? Simple, if Jesus was only a descendant of David in the flesh then He could not also be God in the flesh. So He has to be more than the son of David in this sense. Also if He were not the Son of David in the flesh then He was not fully man. I think Scripture supports that He was the Son of David in the flesh making Him fully human and at the same time the promised Son of David that was the Messiah.

III- The Lord of David:

Now we get to the deeper thought and that being that Jesus was not only the Son of David in the flesh but also the One who David worshipped. *Mark 12:36 For David himself said by the Holy Ghost, The LORD said to my Lord, Sit thou on my right hand, till I make thine enemies thy footstool. 37 David therefore himself calleth him Lord; and whence is he then his son? David said to "The LORD"; this being Jehovah, God the Father. Did you notice that the Scripture says it was by the Holy Spirit that David understood? David said this in *Psalms 110:1 The LORD said unto my Lord, Sit thou at my right hand, until I make thine enemies thy footstool.* Messiah would not just be a man of David but all God whom David had called Lord.*

In the book of the Revelation we see an interesting verse that in some ways sums this thought. *Revelation 22:16 I Jesus have sent mine angel to testify unto you these things in the churches. I am the root and the offspring of David, and the bright and morning star.* Let me make a few precious statements that we see taught here. This passage: 1) Speaks of Jesus predating David. 2) Shows that He was and had always been God. 3) Showed that David understood that the Messiah would suffer at the hands of the enemies of God. 4) Clearly teaches that Christ was more than the Son of David but also the Lord of David that David worshipped.

IV- The Warning about the Scribes:

Jesus had the attention of the people. *Mark 12:37 And the common people heard him gladly.* As He did so well and often He took advantage of this to warn them of the practices of the scribes. *Mark 12:38 And he said unto them in his doctrine, Beware of the scribes, which love to go in long clothing, and love salutations in the marketplaces, 39 And the chief seats in the synagogues, and the uppermost rooms at feasts:* He pointed out that they loved to be the most important men around. Not only that but they were men *Mark 12:40 Which devour widows' houses, and for a pretence make long prayers: these shall receive greater damnation.* They did not understand that Jesus was Lord of David and thereby their Lord and Judge.