



Matthew 22:41-46

Matt. 22:41 While the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them,

Matt. 22:42 saying, “What do you think about the Christ? Whose Son is He?”
They said to Him, “The Son of David.”

Matt. 22:43 He said to them, “How then does David in the Spirit call Him ‘Lord,’
saying:

Matt. 22:44 “The LORD SAID TO MY LORD,
‘Sit at My right hand,
Till I make Your enemies Your footstool’ ”?

Matt. 22:45 If David then calls Him “Lord,’ how is He his Son?”

Matt. 22:46 And no one was able to answer Him a word, nor from that day on did
anyone dare question Him anymore.

Context:

The religious leaders had taken their best shots at Jesus in the hope that they’d be
able to trap Him in His words through their tough questions...

Priests & elders questioned His authority
Pharisees & Herodians questioned Man’s duty
Sadducees questioned the reality of Eternity
Scribes questioned Man’s highest priority to God

Now it’s Jesus’ turn to ask the religious leaders a question...a question of
identity...

“Who is the Christ (Messiah)?”

Let’s see how Israel’s best theologians do responding to His question!

Observations & Discussion

1. Why is Jesus' question about the **identity** of the Messiah soooooo much more important than all of the questions the religious leaders asked Jesus? (ref. John 3:18 & John 8:24).
2. What are the personal consequences for how a person answers Jesus' question—“*What do you think about the Christ? Whose Son is He?*”
3. The Pharisees gave the correct answer to Jesus' first question (vs. 42), but were stumped by His second question (vs. 45-46). That is, the Pharisees were correct about the Messiah's **lineage**, but they were ignorant of His **full identity**. How can Jesus be *both* King David's son (literally his “descendant”) and King David's Lord?
4. Read Rev. 22:16. How does this scripture help answer question #3 & what does it reveal to us about the nature of Jesus?
5. To be fair the question that Jesus presented to the Pharisees in vs. 45 was a difficult one as it seemed contradictory (as seen in question #3). What does this section of scripture teach you about interpreting verses that seem to be contradictory?
6. What's a difficult Bible question that you've been asked but did not know how to answer?