

THE QUESTIONS OF JESUS

A. About Himself - Jesus' Identity

WEEK 1

1. What do you think about the Christ? Matthew 22:42; Mark 12:35; Luke 20:41(NIV)
2. Whose son is he? Matthew 22:42; Mark 12:35; Luke 20:41(NIV)
3. How is it then that David, speaking by the Spirit, calls him 'Lord'? Matthew 22:43; Mark 12:35; Luke 20:41 (NIV)
4. If then David calls him, Lord, how can he be his son? Matthew 22:45; Mark 12: 37 (NIV)

41 While the Pharisees were together, Jesus questioned them, 42 "What do you think about the Messiah? Whose Son is He?" "David's," they told Him. 43 He asked them, "How is it then that David, inspired by the Spirit, calls Him 'Lord': 44 The Lord declared to my Lord, 'Sit at My right hand until I put Your enemies under Your feet'? Matt 22:41-44 (HCSB)

41 As the Pharisees were regrouping, Jesus caught them off balance with his own test question: 42 "What do you think about the Christ? Whose son is he?" They said, "David's son." 43 Jesus replied, "Well, if the Christ is David's son, how do you explain that David, under inspiration, named Christ his 'Master'? 44 'God said to my Master, "Sit here at my right hand until I make your enemies your footstool.'" 45 Now if David calls him 'master,' how can he at the same time be his son?" Matt 22:41-45 (MSG)

Reflections:

We live in a skeptical age. People want proof and evidence for everything especially in religious matters. It was no different when Christ lived on earth. The Pharisees were always trying to find ways to pose questions to Jesus that would trip him up. However, in this particular situation, Jesus caught the Pharisees off guard by posing his own question, "What do you think about the Christ? Whose son is he?" They answered, "David's son." Jesus went on to say that David called Christ his Lord or Master. If David called him 'master' then how could Jesus be at the same time his son? This totally stumped the Pharisees and from that day on they quit asking him questions.

It's ironic, that the first devotion based on the questions of Jesus, is describing how the religious leaders of Jesus' day were suddenly out of questions. This, of course, raises questions for us...but don't stop here. Read on and let your own questions about who Jesus was, penetrate your heart and mind. Don't follow the Pharisees model and stop asking questions...let them flow because God is not intimidated by our questions.

Questions to Ponder:

- a. What will be the first question you ask Jesus when you see him in eternity?
- b. Who is Christ to you?
- c. Are you afraid to ask questions about your faith?

Prayer

Father, let us not be afraid to ask questions about our faith. Help us to understand the questions that Your son asked while He was on earth. Help us to be open to Your ways and Your thoughts.
Amen.