

## Insights from Luke

#81: "The Divine Riddle"

Luke 20:41-44

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“<sup>41</sup> Then He said to them, ‘How is it that they say the Christ is David’s son? <sup>42</sup> For David himself says in the book of Psalms, “THE LORD SAID TO MY LORD, ‘SIT AT MY RIGHT HAND, <sup>43</sup> UNTIL I MAKE YOUR ENEMIES A FOOTSTOOL FOR YOUR FEET.’” <sup>44</sup> Therefore David calls Him “Lord,” and how is He his son?”

### **Mark 12:28-33**

“<sup>28</sup> One of the scribes came and heard them arguing, and recognizing that He had answered them well, asked Him, ‘What commandment is the foremost of all?’ <sup>29</sup> Jesus answered, ‘The foremost is, “Hear, O Israel! the Lord our God is one Lord; <sup>30</sup> And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.”

<sup>31</sup> The second is this, “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” There is no other commandment greater than these.” <sup>32</sup> The scribe said to Him, ‘Right, Teacher; You have truly stated that He is One, and there is no one else besides Him; <sup>33</sup> And to love Him with all the heart and with all the understanding and with all the strength, and to love one’s neighbor as himself, is much more than all burnt offerings and sacrifices.’”

### **Mark 12:34**

“<sup>34</sup> When Jesus saw that he had answered intelligently, He said to him, ‘You are not far from the kingdom of God.’ After that, no one would venture to ask Him any more questions.”

### **II Samuel 7:12, 16**

“<sup>12</sup> When your days are complete and you lie down with your fathers, I will raise up your descendant after you, who will come forth from you, and I will establish his kingdom.”

“<sup>16</sup> Your house and your kingdom shall endure before Me forever; your throne shall be established forever.”

**Isaiah 9:6-7**

“<sup>6</sup> For a child will be born to us,  
 a son will be given to us;  
 And the government will rest on His shoulders;  
 And His name will be called  
 Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,  
 Eternal Father, Prince of Peace.  
<sup>7</sup> There will be no end to the increase  
 of His government or of peace,  
 On the throne of David and over his kingdom,  
 To establish it and to uphold it  
 with justice and righteousness  
 From then on and forevermore.  
 The zeal of the Lord of hosts will accomplish this.”

Psalm 110:1	Luke 20:42-43
<sup>1</sup> The <b>Lord</b> says to my <b>Lord</b> : “Sit at My right hand until I make Your enemies a footstool for Your feet.”	<sup>42</sup> For David himself says in the book of Psalms, “The <b>Lord</b> said to my <b>Lord</b> , ‘Sit at My right hand, <sup>43</sup> until I make Your enemies a footstool for Your feet.’”

The first “Lord” is God – Yahweh.

The second “Lord” is Adonai.

If David called his natural physical descendant (the Messiah) his Lord, it could only be because the One to come would somehow be greater than David was, and the only way that could happen is if the Messiah were more than a mere man. He would have to be a divine Messiah, that is, God.  
*-- James Boice*

Jesus is both God and man.

**All of our most burning questions  
become insignificant when our  
mouths are shut  
while contemplating the awesome  
nature of God.**

**Jesus never lost sight of  
the central message of the gospel  
and neither should we.**

**Cults and false religions  
all deny the deity of Christ,  
but it is basic  
to the message of Jesus.**

**Jesus' instruction on Psalm 110  
made quite an impression  
on the apostles.**