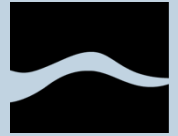


SERMON NOTES

TELL ME ABOUT HIS LORDSHIP

Mark 12:35-40



BIG IDEA: Jesus' identity as the Christ demands genuine devotion to his lordship rather than religious hypocrisy.

APPLICATION GUIDE

MAY 31, 2026

DISCUSS

Have you ever been "almost right" about something important and later discovered that small mistake had bigger consequences than you expected? What happened?

EXPLORE

According to verses 35–37, what does Jesus teach about the identity of the Messiah, and why was that surprising to the scribes? Why would it be significant for David to call one of his descendants "Lord"?

What behaviors of the scribes does Jesus condemn in verses 38–40, and what do those behaviors reveal about their hearts?

Why does Jesus say the scribes will receive a "greater condemnation"? What does this teach us about spiritual privilege and accountability?

APPLY

In what ways are you tempted to seek the approval of people more than the approval of God? Consider your work, family, ministry involvement, social media presence, or reputation among others.

Which warning from Jesus speaks most directly to your life right now? Explain why.

- Wanting people's praise
- Exploiting or using others
- False spirituality
- Greater accountability for what you know

COMMIT

Ask God to search your heart (Psalm 139:23–24) and reveal any area where you're relying on religious appearance rather than genuine devotion to Christ.