



A Loaded Question About the Messiah Matthew 22:41–46

Introduction: _____ now asks *them* a loaded question. It is a question concerning the Messiah's identity.

Bart Ehrman (an agnostic historian) penned, "During his lifetime, Jesus himself _____ call himself God and didn't consider himself God, and ... none of his disciples had any inkling at all that he was God. ..."

Here is what the Bible says: Matthew 26:63–65; Mark 2:5–12; John 1:1,14; John 5:17–18; John 8:58; John 10:30–33; John 14:9; John 20:28; Colossians 2:9; Revelation 1:17–18

Did Jesus claim to be God? _____! Absolutely.

I like what one guy said about the Bible. He said, "The Bible is like a _____ – it doesn't need defending."

Now, it's Jesus' turn to ask *them* a question – a deeply theological and profoundly revealing one. Their answer would expose their

spiritual blindness and misunderstanding of who the _____ truly is.

1. The Question About the _____ - 22:41-42

41 While the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them, 42 saying, "What do you think about the Christ? Whose Son is He?" They said to Him, "The Son of David."

When I read the words "*gathered together*," I picture them...

Jesus asks them a question: "*What do you think about the Christ? Whose Son is He?*"

The word "*Christ*" means _____ One or Messiah.

Jesus asked it of the Pharisees, and He asks it of ____ today: "*What do you think about the Christ? Whose Son is He?*"

The Pharisees gave a natural, _____ answer. They said, "*The Son of David*," echoing the promise God made to David in 2 Samuel 7:12-14; Isaiah 11:1,10; Jeremiah 13:5, and reaffirmed in Isaiah 9:6-7—that the Messiah would come through David's lineage.

The words "*Son of David*" are important. David was Israel's greatest king, and God promised that a future Son born through his line would rule forever. But the son would be more than just of _____ descent.

2. The Question About _____ Statement - 22:43-44

43 He said to them, "How then does David in the Spirit call Him 'Lord,'

saying: 44 *'The LORD said to my Lord, "Sit at My right hand, till I make Your enemies Your footstool"'?*

Jon Courson writes, "In Jewish culture, one would never call his offspring '_____. ' Why then," asked Jesus, "does David call his own descendant 'Lord'? Truly David is referring to someone _____ than himself. If Christ be merely the son of David, as you suppose, David would never have called Him Lord."

Notice that David spoke *"in the Spirit."* This affirms the _____ inspiration of Scripture.

Today mankind has only _____ book that claims Spirit inspiration – the Bible! (see [Acts 4:25](#); [Hebrews 3:7](#); [9:8](#); [10:15](#); [2 Peter 1:21](#)).

We read, *"The LORD said to my Lord, 'Sit at My right hand, till I make Your enemies Your footstool.'"*

"In Hebrew, the first occurrence of _____ (the Hebrew word often transliterated YHWH or Yahweh) is a clear reference to God, but the _____ occurrence is a different word ('adoni), usually referring to human authorities (e.g., [Gn 18:12](#); [40:1](#); but cf. [Jos 5:14](#); [Jdg 6:13](#), where it is used for the angel of the Lord). However, the LXX (the Greek translation of the Hebrew Scriptures, ca. 200 BC) uses the same word (kyrios) for both God and for David's Lord, suggesting that the translators saw 'adoni as a reference to a divine being." (The Moody Bible Commentary Michael A. Rydelnik)

3. The Question About _____ and Son – 22:45

45 If David then calls Him 'Lord,' how is He his Son?"

Jesus isn't denying that the _____ is David's descendant. He's revealing that the Messiah is *greater* than David.

The implication is profound: the Messiah is both David's Son and _____ Son—the eternal Lord who took on flesh.

See John 1:1-2, 14

Dr. Warren Wiersbe writes, "Psalm 110:1 teaches the _____ and humanity of the Messiah. He is David's Lord and David's son."

4. All _____ Cease – 22:46

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

Once again, the religious elite are _____—not by clever argumentation, but by divine truth they cannot refute.

Jesus asserts the _____ nature of the Messiah without saying, "I am the Christ," but the implication is unmistakable.

Conclusion: All through Matthew 22, Jesus was confronted with loaded questions:

- The Pharisees questioned Him about paying _____.
- The Sadducees questioned Him about the _____.
- A lawyer questioned Him about the _____ commandment.

But in the end, Jesus asked the only loaded question that truly matters. It is, "*What do you think about the _____ Reveal Answer?? Whose Son is He?*"