Southside Baptist Church
Wednesday Night Worship – 11-4-26
Matthew Chapter 22 Part 7
The Question about David's Son

1.Introduction:
a.Taking a look back:
1)Jesus encountered a question from a "lawyer."
2)The Pharisees were known for their specific interpretation and application of the written law.
3)The Pharisee who asked the question may be coming to understand who Jesus is.
4)Verse 36 – The "lawyer" wanted to know what the most important commandment is.
5)Verse 37 – Jesus responded, "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind."
6)Verse 39 – "second is like unto it" – it is similar and of equal value.
a)Who is our neighbor?
b)"love thy neighbor as thyself." – this is stated as an assumption.

b.Taking a look back:
1)We move into the last part of Matthew 22.
2)What would this question accomplish?
3)If David believed in the Messiah, why would they not believe in the Messiah?

2.Jesus asked the Pharisees a question. Matthew 22:41-46
a.Verse 41 –
1)The Pharisees had assembled together.

b.Verse 42 –
1)"What think ye of Christ?"
a)What is your opinion of who the Messiah is and whose descendant He is?
2)They respond, "the Son of David."
a)They knew the answer.

c.Verses 43-44 -
1)"How then doth David?" –
2)"in spirit" –
3)Psalm 110:1 –
a)David called the promised Messiah Lord.
b)"Sit thou on my right hand" –
c)"till I make thine enemies thy footstool." –
4)Why could they not understand this?

d.This is what sets Christianity apart from every other religion or faith.
1)The God of Christianity came to give His life for the world.
a)He came to serve and not be served.
b)He came to deliver us so that we could be with Him forever.
2)Just as He is gentle, humble and merciful, He will also conquer His enemy and those who choose to stand with him.
a)Jesus is not weak, He is strong.

3)Today is the day of salvation.
4)These religious, pious, educated Pharisees were not the smartest or the wisest.

e.Verse 46 –
1)Two things to note here:
a)They didn't know how to answer Him.
b)No one asked Him anymore questions.

f.Transition
1)We now move into a heavy, specifically directed, highly exposing chapter to walk through.
2)Jesus does not hold back His words here, nor does he exaggerate the problem that exists in these religious leaders.

g.Some visuals to help prepare our minds.
1)A beautiful tomb –
a)Jesus makes the point that it is possible to look righteous and clean on the outside while still having a heart that is far from God.
2)A dirty window –
a)Jesus points out that if the glass is dirty and filthy, then very little light can get through.
3)Playing the part –
a)Jesus exposed the danger of living a spiritual performance rather than a genuine, authentic walk with the Lord.
4)A heavy burden –
a)Jesus explained the Pharisees placed a heavy burden on the shoulders of people, and yet they were not willing to help them at all.
5)The overgrown garden –
a)Jesus explained that it is possible to spend so much time on the outward religious appearance that the heart is neglected.

3.Tonight's Takeaway:
a.Has the Spirit pricked your heart concerning any of these challenges?