

## **Whose Son Is the Christ?**

Luke20:41 Then Jesus said to them, "Why is it said that the Messiah is the son of David? David himself declares in the Book of Psalms: "The Lord said to my Lord: "Sit at my right hand until I make your enemies a footstool for your feet." David calls him 'Lord.' How then can he be his son?"

## **Beware of the Scribes**

While all the people were listening, Jesus said to his disciples, "Beware of the teachers of the law. They like to walk around in flowing robes and love to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces and have the most important seats in the synagogues and the places of honour at banquets. They devour widows' houses and for a show make lengthy prayers. These men will be punished most severely."

## **The Widow's Offering**

As Jesus looked up, he saw the rich putting their gifts into the temple treasury. He also saw a poor widow put in two very small copper coins. "Truly I tell you," he said, "this poor widow has put in more than all the others. All these people gave their gifts out of their wealth; but she out of her poverty put in all she had to live on."

Then Jesus said to them,  
"Why is it said that the Messiah is the son of David? "

## Different ideas about the Messiah (Greek = Christ)

Just a good human  
or more ?  
Unfulfilled prophecies?

It answers again the  
question of his  
authority and exposes  
their ignorance of  
fundamental truths of  
Bible



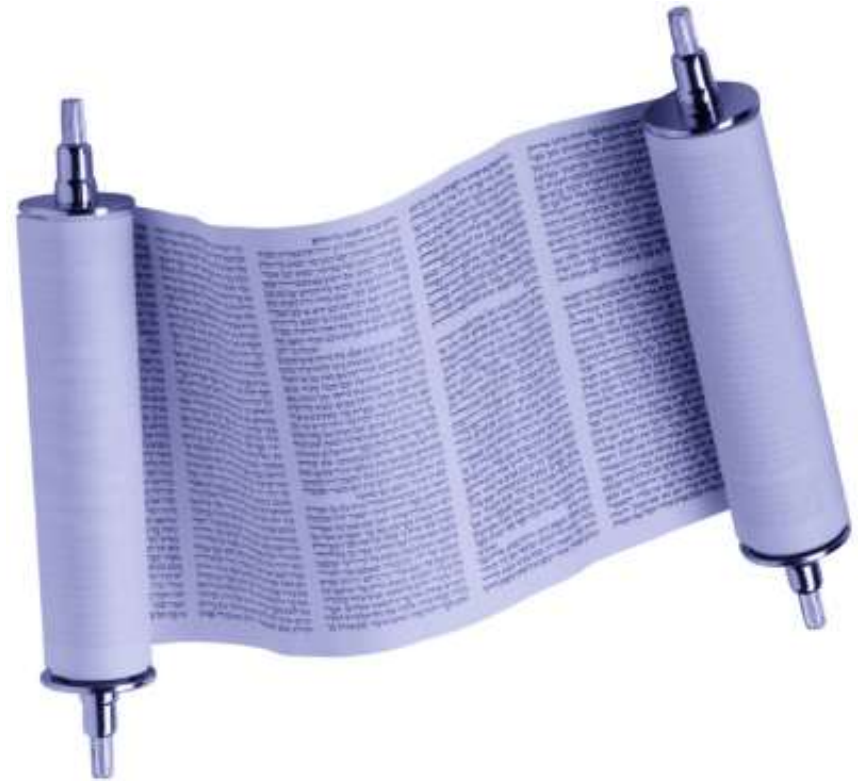
He is trying to get them to reflect and repent and be saved.  
**Last chance!**

David himself declares in the Book of Psalms:



David's personal testimony:

Jesus' bible  
and his view of scripture



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"The Lord said to my Lord: "Sit at my right hand until I make your enemies a footstool for your feet."

Psalm 110 viewed by Jews of his day as Messianic  
Most quoted Psalm in NT in reference to Jesus

Greek doesn't show the  
distinction Jesus makes  
(hearers in Hebrew – would)  
LORD      my Lord

Messiah appointed as ruler  
along side of God  
- i.e. more than just a man

יְהוָה לְאֲדֹנָי



David calls him 'Lord.'  
How then can he be his son?"

It's not possible for a son to be  
Lord of his father !  
Think about it

There is more to Messiah than  
you are willing to accept.

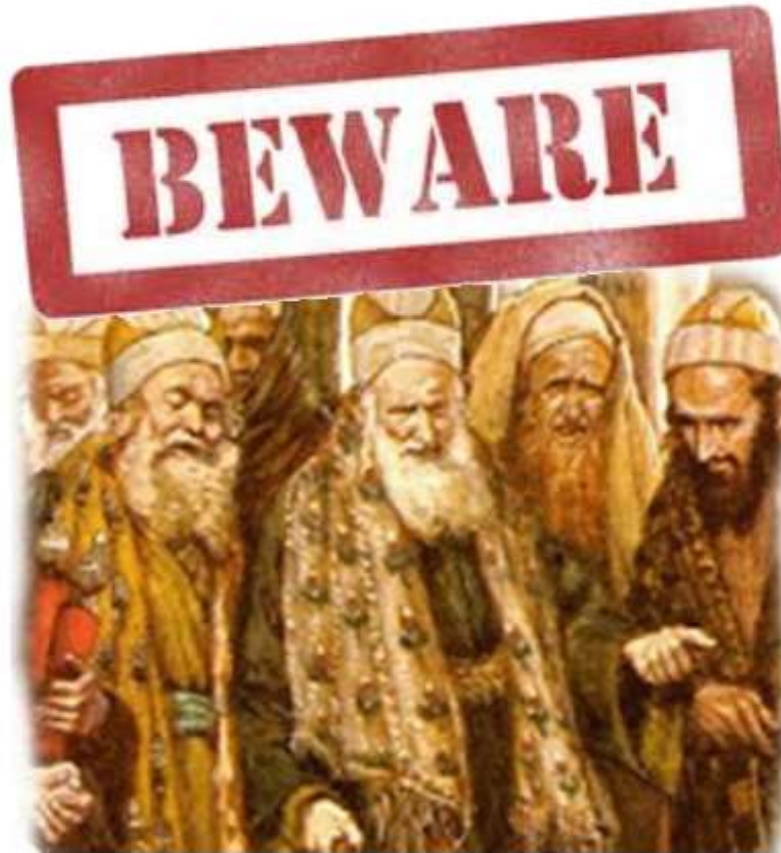
Meet a Pharisee who 'got it'  
in Romans 1:3

**But here there is no answer !  
Maximum resistance**



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## The Final Denunciation



(some) Teachers of the Law are dangerous  
Recognised as such by some of their own as 'false Pharisees'

They like to walk around in flowing robes and love to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces and have the most important seats in the synagogues and the places of honour at banquets. They devour widows' houses and for a show make lengthy prayers.

**Summary** *see Matthew for a fuller version*

1, like – ‘designer’ appearance

2, love – applause by public

3, love – celebrity status

4, devour – vulnerable people’s property

5, show-off – long prayers – cover sin with religious activity



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**Self-centred performers**

These men will be punished most severely."

## **Guilty as charged**



Punished more than others.  
cf. Capernaum vs. Tyre and Sidon

**What was the effect on Jesus ?**

Depressed about them not himself.



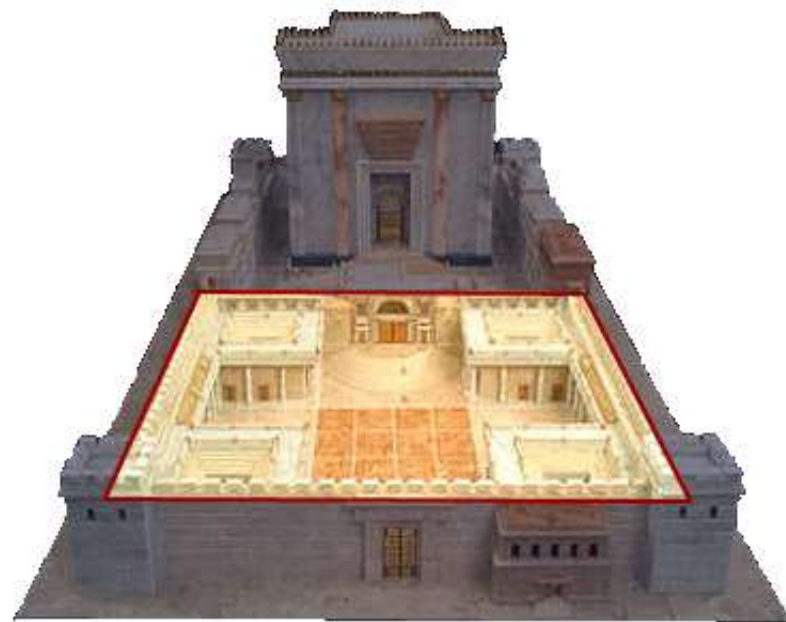
As Jesus looked up,

Sat down, down cast eyes, looks around see response ?



he saw the rich putting their gifts into the temple treasury.

13 collection boxes with trumpet (horn) shaped openings



Women's Court in the Temple

Rich people were making 'big' donations.

**Was Jesus impressed?**

He also saw a poor widow put in two very small copper coins.

**Father gives a bright light in a dark place.**



**Poor widow**

*(Had she been 'robbed' by this lot?)*

*Not put off by hypocrites*

**Two coins**

*( such small value – not allowed to give just one)*

**She wasn't giving to the Temple but to God !**

"Truly I tell you," he said,  
"this poor widow has put in more than all the others. "

**Truly I tell you** – the ULTIMATE verdict !

God's valuation of giving vs. man's

2 coins versus ALL 13 boxes full !



All these people gave their gifts out of their wealth;

**SPARE**  
*Change*



but she out of her poverty put in all she had to live on."

She had just given up today's dinner  
in order to give thanks to the Lord.

A sacrifice of praise (Hebrews 13:15)

She gladdened Jesus' heart.

She wasn't showing off – perhaps  
she felt it wasn't much at all

It wasn't seen by rest but was  
recorded by Jesus – real praise



# Who and what is the Messiah ?

Jesus, the Son of David – man  
Jesus, the Son of God – the Lord

Your salvation depends on your answer.

Let us worship him with our best  
even though we and others may not  
appreciate its value to Him

