

Sermon Notes

Providence Community Church

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Title: A SET UP TO SHUT UP

Main Text: Matthew 22:41-45

Sermon Description: The Webster's definition of 'jujitsu' is: "An art of weaponless fighting employing holds, throws, and paralyzing blows to subdue or disable an opponent." I cannot imagine a better description of the rhetorical prowess of Jesus Christ demonstrated in our text today as He confronts the culturally influential factions who sought actively and intensely to undermine Him at every turn in His ministry. The Word Incarnate silences every mouth and judges every detractor effortlessly. Here we see Christ in action. The enemy's best defenses are employed as weapons against himself in spectacular displays all through history and this is apparent even here where intellectual and religious elites go head to head with Jesus' perfect wisdom. Behold the children that justify her! (Luke 7:35). In the providence of God, much of the territory we have covered in recent messages from Hebrews will serve to buttress today's sermon. Also, let us consider a question we will return to at the close of this message: "What do you think about the Christ?"

Heading: JESUS QUESTION WAS A SET UP TO REVEAL...

1. THE NATURE OF THE MESSIAH HIMSELF

- a. Lord & Son (Is 9:6)
- b. Lord & Lord (Acts 7:55)
- c. Son of Man (Mk 14:61-65, Mt 28:17-18)

2. THE NATURE OF REDEMPTIVE REVELATION

- a. Inspiration (II Sam 23:1-4)
- b. Lord of interpretation (Jn 5:38-47)
- c. Map of revelation (Ps 110, Dan 7:13-14, Mt 22:41-45, Acts 7:55-57, Heb 7, Rev 1:13)

3. THE NATURE OF THIS INTERACTION

- a. Counter catechesis (21:24-27)
- b. Foreshadow Judgement (Jn 5:22-29)
- c. Preeminent question (16:13-17)

CLOSE: Everyone who has ever and will ever live will be cross examined by the Son of Man Judge with this question: "What do you think about the Christ?" Your answer will be your last words before departing into eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angles (Mt 25:41) or inheriting the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world (Mt 25:34).

FAMILY WORSHIP SCHEDULE:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Theme:	Theme:	Theme:	Theme:	Theme:	Theme:
Trinity & 2 natures	Authority	Inspiration	Interpretation	judgement	#1 question
Verses:	Verses:	Verses:	Verses:	Verses:	Verses:
Mt 22:41-45	Mk 14:61-65	II Sam 23:1-7	Jn 5:38-47	Jn 5:22-29	Mt 16:13-17

FURTHER STUDY: see 'Further Study' posted weekly at providencecrosslake.com

NEXT WEEK: Mt 23:1-12 ... *Moses' seat...*