

# The Gospel of Mark

## Lesson 30: Mark 12:35-13:2

### Is the Messiah the Son of David? (12:35-37)

Matt. 22:41-46  
Luke 20:41-44

- Psalm 110 is a royal, messianic psalm referenced throughout the NT
- Jesus presents a seemingly contradictory situation
- He makes two very pointed affirmations:
  - David himself is the human author of the psalm
  - The Holy Spirit inspired David's composition of Psalm 110

*How do we harmonize the Messiah being David's Son and Lord?*

*Why would this be such a difficult passage for the people of Jesus' day?*

### A warning about the scribes (12:38-40)

Matt. 23:1-7  
Luke 20:45-47

- The scribes and other leaders wore long white robes with fringes
  - White was a mark of distinction; others wore colors
- Scribes were forbidden to accept pay for their teaching
  - Instead they depended on secular work...or donations
  - It seems that the scribes abused people's good graces
- Mathew's account goes into much greater detail about their abuses
- Jesus' public ministry is now done; He still privately teaches His disciples

*What is the caution here for today's pastors and leaders?*

### Jesus praises a widow's sacrificial giving (12:41-44)

Luke 21:1-4

- Jesus and his disciples are sitting in the Court of Women
- The coin she gives is a lepton, worth about 1/64 of a denarius

*How is giving away all one has not reckless behavior?*

### The destruction of the temple (13:1-2)

Matt. 24:1-2  
Luke 21:5-6

- According to Josephus, the hard white stones of the temple measured 25 cubits long by 8 cubits high by 12 cubits wide (37.5' X 12' X 18')
- The temple complex covered about 1/6 of the area of Jerusalem
- Jesus' prophecy was fulfilled when the temple was destroyed in 70 AD
- This ties back to His statement in 11:17, as it relates to Jeremiah 7:11-14