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Jesus' Two Goals

- I. He Undermines the Idea of a Merely Human Messiah (35)
 - Cf. Matt. 22:41-42 - Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them a question:⁴² "What do you think about the Christ, whose son is He?" They said to Him, "*The son of David.*"

The Pharisees' View of Messiah

- 1) Messiah would be a merely human deliverer for the nation.
- 2) They refused to believe that Jesus was, in fact, their Messiah.

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- I. He Undermines the Idea of a Merely Human Messiah (35)
- II. He Corrects the Idea of a Merely Human Messiah (36-37)
 - A. The Crucial Role of the Messiah
 - 1) According to the Scribes
 - 2) According to Jesus
 - 3) According to the Hebrew Scripture

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Jesus' View of Scripture

- Jesus makes two assertions about the Scripture...
- **1)** It is the product of the human author.
 - “David Himself said.”
- **2)** It is at the same time, the product of the Spirit of God.
 - “In or by the Spirit, the Holy One.”
 - Cf. 2 Pet. 1:21 - for no prophecy was ever made by an act of human will, but men moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

Psalm 110:1

- Some general observations...
 - a) It is a quotation of Ps. 110:1.
 - b) Jesus attributes Ps. 110 to David.
 - c) Jesus affirms what the Rabbis also taught, that Ps. 110 is about the Messiah.
 - So did...
 - Peter (Acts 2:34-35)
 - Paul (1 Cor. 15:25)
 - Hebrews (Heb. 1:13)

Psalm 110:1

- YHWH makes two amazing promises to the one who is at the same time both David's son and David's Lord...
 - 1) I give you authority to sit at my right hand.
 - Cf. Heb. 1:13 - But to which of the angels has He ever said, "SIT AT MY RIGHT HAND, UNTIL I MAKE YOUR ENEMIES A FOOTSTOOL FOR YOUR FEET"?
 - 2) I will put your enemies beneath your feet.
 - Cf. Josh. 10:24 - When they brought these kings out to Joshua, Joshua called for all the men of Israel, and said to the chiefs of the men of war who had gone with him, "Come near, put your feet on the necks of these kings." So they came near and put their feet on their necks.

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- II. He Corrects the Idea of a Merely Human Messiah (36-37)
 - A. The Crucial Role of the Messiah
 - B. The Unique Nature of the Messiah
 - He will be both...
 - 1) David's Son
 - 2) David's Lord

Implications...

- **1)** Christianity is not a replacement for OT Judaism, but the fulfillment of it.

Implications...

- **2)** Jesus met the qualifications to be the Messiah, found in Psalm 110.
 - **a)** Jesus was qualified humanly to be the Messiah.
 - He was the physical descendant of David through His mother Mary.
 - He was also the legal descendant of David through His adoptive father, Joseph.
 - Matt. 1:1, 20; Luke 1:27; 2:4
 - **b)** Jesus also claimed to be God's Son.
 - Mark 1:1; 3:11; 14:55-64
 - Cf. Luke 1:32 - "He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High; and the Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David;

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Implications...

- **3)** Jesus was extending a gracious invitation to the people and their leaders to believe on Him.
- **4)** Mark is warning us all not to enjoy Jesus and His teaching without making a decision.
 - Mark 6:20