

"CONSCIOUS AND INTENTIONAL MINISTRY: DOING WHO I AM WITH UNDERSTANDING"

Of Issachar, those who had understanding of the times, to know what Israel ought to do... 1 Chronicles 12:32

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TEXT: MATTHEW 22:34-46

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TITLE: JESUS NEVER RAN FROM A GOOD FIGHT: PRIORITY OF MINISTRY

INTRODUCTION

A. Why is it important that people know who Jesus is?

B. Are you willing to fight to ensure that everyone knows who Jesus is?

THEIR QUESTION TO JESUS

- A. Jesus spent much of His public ministry fighting for the ministry
- B. Pharisee, "Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?"
- C. Jesus' answer,
 - "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind."
 a. Deuteronomy 6:5
 - b. References the first four commandments Our relationship with God
 - 2. "You shall love your neighbor as yourself."
 - a. Leviticus 19:18
 - b. References the remaining six commandments Our relationship with each other
 - 3. "On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets"
- D. The Scribes response in Mark 12:32-34, ³² So the scribe said to Him, "Well said, Teacher. You have spoken the truth, for there is one God, and there is no other but He. ³³ And to love Him with all the heart, with all the understanding, with all the soul, and with all the strength, and to love one's neighbor as oneself, is more than all the whole burnt offerings and sacrifices." ³⁴ Now when Jesus saw that he answered wisely, He said to him, "You are not far from the kingdom of God." But after that no one dared question Him.

JESUS' QUESTION TO THEM

- A. Jesus, "What do you think about the Christ Whose Son is He?"_____
- B. Pharisees, "The Son of David."
- C. Jesus, "How then does David in the Spirit call Him 'Lord,' saying: The Lord said to my Lord, "Sit at My right hand, Till I make Your enemies Your footstool _____
 - 1. David, in the Spirit
 - 2. The LORD said to my Lord
 - 3. Sit at My right hand
- D. Jesus, "If David then called him 'Lord,' how is he his Son?"
- E. Explanation:
 - 1. Movement from the physical and natural to the spiritual and supernatural
 - 2. Son of David Physical
 - a. Deliverer from the authority of Roman Rule
 - b. The common understanding regarding the Christ
 - 3. Son of God Spiritual
 - a. Deliverer from sin
 - b. Jesus is God