

# Sermon Outline

## CHALLENGE #5: FROM JESUS | Geoff Lin

Bible Reading: Mark 12:35-44 (p.1446)

Meet Jesus		
1/2	Enter the King	Mk 11:1-11
8/2	A King to shake up the status quo	Mk 11:12-25
15/2	Challenge #1: from the religious elite	Mk 11:27-12:12
22/2	Challenge #2: from secular society	Mk 12:13-17
1/3	Challenge #3: from human experience	Mk 12:18-27
8/3	Challenge #4: from "religion"	Mk 12:28-34
15/3	Challenge #5: from Jesus	Mk 12:35-44
22/3	The End of the World	Mk 13:1-37
29/3	The Last Supper	Mk 14:1-26
3/4	Good Friday: "Surely this man was the Son of God"!	Mk 14:27-15:47
5/4	Easter Sunday: "He has risen! He is not here!"	Mk 16:1-8

### i. Who is Jesus? (vv35-37)

Mk 8:27 Jesus and his disciples went on to the villages around Caesarea Philippi. On the way he asked them, "Who do people say I am?" 28 They replied, "Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets." 29 "But what about you?" he asked. "Who do you say I am?" **Peter answered, "You are the Messiah."**

Mk 10:46 Then they came to Jericho. As Jesus and his disciples, together with a large crowd, were leaving the city, a blind man, Bartimaeus (which means "son of Timaeus"), was sitting by the roadside begging. 47 When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout, "**Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!**"

Ps 110:1 *Of David. A psalm.* **The LORD** says to **my lord**: "Sit at my right hand until I make your enemies a footstool for your feet."

- "the LORD" = God (Yahweh/Jehovah)

- "my Lord" = the promised Messiah (ie David's son)

Mk 12:34 When Jesus saw that he had answered wisely, he said to him, "You are not far from the kingdom of God." And from then on no one dared ask him any more questions.

Q. What's the point of this episode? Why is Jesus asking this question about Scripture?

### ii. "False piety" (vv38-40)

- "they like to walk around in flowing robes"

- "and be greeted with respect in the marketplace"

- "have the most important seats in the synagogues and the places of honour at banquets"

- "for a show make lengthy prayers"

Mt 6:7 And when you pray, do not keep on babbling like pagans, for they think they will be heard because of their many words.

- "they devour widows' houses"

### iii. "True piety" (vv41-44)

- giving out of wealth vs giving out of poverty

Q. Do you want to be rich and recognized by others, or poor but praised by Jesus?

Mk 10:23 Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, "How hard it is for the rich to enter the kingdom of God!" 24 The disciples were amazed at his words. But Jesus said again, "Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! 25 **It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.**"

Q. What could motivate us to WANT to give everything up?

Mk 10:45 For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, **and to give his life as a ransom for many.**

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