

Matthew 22:41

by Chuck Smith

The sermon emphasizes the importance of understanding Jesus' identity as the Son of God and the consequences of rejecting Him.

Scripture: 2 Samuel 7:14, Psalm 22:16, Isaiah 7:14, Isaiah 53:7, Micah 5:2, Zechariah 9:9, Malachi 3:1, Matthew 22:41-46, John 10:31, John 19:7

Topics: "Identity of Christ", "Prophecy Fulfillment"

Description

Chuck Smith explores the profound question posed by Jesus, 'What think ye of Christ?' He emphasizes the significance of recognizing Jesus as the Son of God, challenging the misconceptions held by the Pharisees and Sadducees who viewed Him merely as a descendant of David. Smith argues that one must confront the implications of Jesus' identity, as rejecting Him as the Son of God leads to dire consequences for one's eternal destiny. He supports his claims with prophetic evidence from the Old Testament, illustrating the fulfillment of prophecies concerning the Messiah. Ultimately, the sermon calls for a personal reflection on who Jesus is to each individual.

Transcript

"WHAT THINK YE OF CHRIST?"

Intro: The Pharisees and the Sadducees had been trying to trap Jesus with trick questions. Jesus then asked them a question.

I. WHAT DO YOU THINK OF THE MESSIAH, WHOSE SON IS HE?

A. They were offended by Jesus' claim to be the Son of God. John

19:7.

1. When they had taken up stones . John 10:31.

2. To the present day, His claim of deity offends them.

a. They will tell you still that the Messiah will

be a man as Moses.

b. They do not understand the mystery of the God-head.

1. Timothy 3:16.

3. Ask them if he is a man, how is he to be recognized?

a. "He will build our Temple."

b. John 5:43 - "I came in My Father's..."

B. They answered, "The Son of David."

1. He is to be a man, not the Son of God.

2. Big problem, how could David by the Spirit call him Lord?

a. The father never addressed the son as Lord.

b. Strong patriarchal society, son always bowed to father.

C. This should not stumble them.

1. Psalm 2:7, "Thou art My Son, this day have..."

2. II Samuel 7:14, "I will be His Father, and He will be My Son."

3. Isaiah 9:6, "For unto us a Child is born..."

II. STILL THE FINAL QUESTION TODAY: WHAT DO YOU THINK OF JESUS CHRIST, WHOSE SON WAS HE?

A. Only one of two possibilities.

1. Some unnamed rascal in Nazareth.

2. Prophecy of Isaiah 7:14 fulfilled and a virgin conceived and bore a Son.

B. You cannot pass Christ off lightly.

1. If He is not the Son of God:

a. He is a hoax, liar, charlatan, deceiver.

b. He was not a great teacher, a good man.

2. If He is the Son of God:

a. And you refuse Him, you are sealing your own eternal destiny.

b. Everything He said is true, and to believe in Him is eternal life.

III. WHAT EVIDENCE DO WE HAVE?

A. Peter said, "I was an eye witness. " If you don't want to accept that, "We have the more sure Word of prophecy."

1. Micah 5:2 - Bethlehem, birthplace = 1- 280,000,

l-2. 8x105

2. Malachi 3:1 - Forerunner = 1- 1000, l.103

3. Zechariah 9:9 - Triumphant entry on donkey = 1- 102

4. Zechariah 13:6 - Wounds in hands = 1.103

House of friends.

5. Zechariah 11:12 - Betrayed 30 Pieces of silver = l - 103

6. Zechariah 11:13 - Cast it to potter = 1-105

7. Isaiah 53:7 - "As a sheep before shearers is dumb open not His mouth." = 1- 103

8. Psalm 22:16 - Pierced hands and feet = l - l04

9. Only l - 2.8x102

10. Subtract population - 1011=1017

11. Cover Texas two feet deep.

12. Add eight more - 1045

a. Ball 30 times farther than sun.

13. 48 prophecies = 1 - l0157

14. Count electrons in 1 - inch cube at 250 = 6.9×10^{21}

500 balls each minute for 6 billion years.

B. What chances are you gambling against when you reject Jesus Christ?

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