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Who is Jesus to you?

Mark 12:35–37

In 21st-century's multicultural and multifaith Britain, asking "Who Jesus is?" may produce different responses such as, he is a historical figure, or a moral teacher or simply a prophet.

But what does the Bible say and does it matter? Jesus Himself was often questioned about His identity by both ordinary people and religious leaders and He frequently replied with questions of His own.

In Mark 12:35–37, Jesus asks: why do the teachers of the law say the Messiah is the son of David? David, speaking by the Holy Spirit, said: "The Lord said to my Lord: Sit at my right hand until I put your enemies under your feet."

If David calls Him "Lord", how can He be his son? This is not just a theological puzzle - it is a life-defining question. To misunderstand Jesus is to misunderstand life and truth.

In this short passage, first, Jesus affirms He is the promised Son of David. God promised that David's descendant would reign forever (2 Samuel 7:12–13). It means the Messiah is fully human, born into history as the promised King.

Second, Jesus is more than human. In Psalm 110, David calls the Messiah "my Lord". A Jewish father would not call his descendant "Lord", implying that the Messiah is greater than David. Jesus is not only human but divine - fully God. Sitting at God's right hand signifies authority, honour, and shared rule.

Third, Jesus is the reigning King. The Father declares, "Sit at my right hand until I put your enemies under your feet."

Jesus is already victorious on the cross; He reigns and builds His eternal Kingdom of love, peace and life. All evil, suffering and death will be completely wiped away at His second coming. The history is moving towards His final victory when His Kingdom will be fully accomplished.

This truth calls for a response. If Jesus is the promised Son, the divine Lord and the reigning King, we cannot remain neutral. Will we treat Him as a historical figure or bow to Him as the Lord? The crowd listened with delight, but admiration is not enough. Many appreciate Jesus without surrendering to Him even today.

Knowing 'who Jesus is' is a matter of life and death. He is the Saviour and the Lord of all. He gives eternal life to all those who know Him personally through repentance and belief. So, the question remains: who is Jesus to you?

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