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Matthew 22:41–46 *Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them a question, [42] saying, "What do you think about the Christ? Whose Son is he?" They said to him, "The son of David." [43] He said to them, "How is it then that David, in the Spirit, calls him Lord, saying,[44] "'The Lord said to my Lord, "Sit at my right hand, until I put your enemies under your feet"'?[45] If then David calls him Lord, how is he his son?" [46] And no one was able to answer him a word, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.*

Jesus silences all debate; removes all doubts

- The Son of David is the Son of God
- Jesus reigns at the right hand of God
- Jesus will overcome all of God's enemies

Notice how the Psalms are quoted by Jesus. If Jesus loved the Old Testament, how should we feel about it?

How does the historical fulfillment of Jesus as the Son of David have importance for us? In other words, how do the Old Testament promises encourage us?

How does Christ's divinity play a central role in the Christian faith?

How should we respond to Jesus because He is seated at the right hand of God? How should it impact our worship? How should it impact our mission? How should it impact our anxiety?

Why is it hard to believe Jesus is ruling heaven at the present time?

Who are the enemies that Christ will defeat in the end?

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Matthew 15:1–20 *Then Pharisees and scribes came to Jesus from Jerusalem and said, [2] "Why do your disciples break the tradition of the elders? For they do not wash their hands when they eat." [3] He answered them, "And why do you break the commandment of God for the sake of your tradition? [4] For God commanded, 'Honor your father and your mother,' and, 'Whoever reviles father or mother must surely die.' [5] But you say, 'If anyone tells his father or his mother, "What you would have gained from me is given to God," [6] he need not honor his father.' So for the sake of your tradition you have made void the word of God. [7] You hypocrites! Well did Isaiah prophesy of you, when he said: [8] " 'This people honors me with their lips, but their heart is far from me; [9] in vain do they worship me, teaching as doctrines the commandments of men.' " [10] And he called the people to him and said to them, "Hear and understand: [11] it is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but what comes out of the mouth; this defiles a person." [12] Then the disciples came and said to him, "Do you know that the Pharisees were offended when they heard this saying?" [13] He answered, "Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be rooted up. [14] Let them alone; they are blind guides. And if the blind lead the blind, both will fall into a pit." [15] But Peter said to him, "Explain the parable to us." [16] And he said, "Are you also still without understanding? [17] Do you not see that whatever goes into the mouth passes into the stomach and is expelled? [18] But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this defiles a person. [19] For out of the heart come evil thoughts, murder, adultery, sexual immorality, theft, false witness, slander. [20] These are what defile a person. But to eat with unwashed hands does not defile anyone."*

- Christ turns piety inside out
- Truth should overrule tradition
- Our heart is the heart of the matter
- Grace grows from the inside out

Jesus says that the traditions of the faith should submit themselves to the truth of God's word? What traditions can sometimes distract from faithfulness to God's word?

Why is it hard to see traditions in the right light?

Why is hypocrisy so common? Why is it so dangerous to the church?

Why is it harder to focus on the heart of devotion rather than the external rituals?

If the heart is the heart of the matter- then how do we change our heart? (little bit of trick question)

How does God change our hearts?

Titus 3:3–7: *For we ourselves were once foolish, disobedient, led astray, slaves to various passions and pleasures, passing our days in malice and envy, hated by others and hating one another. [4] But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, [5] he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, [6] whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, [7] so that being justified by his grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.*