

Turning the Tables

Parallel Passages:

- Matt. 22:41–23:51; Luke 20:41–44

#1 – The coming of Jesus reveals a greater David

- Psalm 89:3-4
- Isaiah 11:1-2
- Jeremiah 23:5-6
- Isaiah 9:6-7
- Psalm 110:1

#2 – The coming of Jesus reveals a greater accountability

- Matthew 23:11-12
- 1 John 4:7-12
- James 3:1

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2 Sam. 7:8–16; Ps. 89:3–4; Isa. 9:2–7; 11:1–9; Jer. 23:5–6; 30:9; 33:15–17, 22; Ezek. 34:23–24; 37:24; Hosea 3:5; Amos 9:11

Questions for Personal Study:

1. Why is the teaching method Jesus uses here – asking a question – often effective? How can we use this in our own study, parenting, etc.
2. What is the theological significance that Jesus is the son of Mary? The descendent of David?
3. Explain the conundrum in Psalm 110:1 in your own words. What is the meaning of the first “Lord” in small capital letters? Of the second “Lord”?
4. What part does the authorship and inspiration of the Psalms play in Jesus argument?
5. Have you heard Christians joke about spiritual matters or treat God lightly? How did you feel or respond? Can too much familiarity with spiritual matters bring about disrespect? How can we avoid this?
6. How can a pastor or other leader receive the respect and honor he or she deserves without “pulling rank”?
7. Why do spiritual leaders face “stricter punishment” (James 3:1)? Is this fair? What role do you have in holding them accountable? In supporting them to avoid issue?
8. How would you respond to someone who says, “I believe Jesus was a great moral teacher, but that’s all”?

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