

Recap of 3/17/24 message by Pastor Joe (Mark 12:35-37):

1. Two words explain Mark 12:35-37, "**more than.**"

-Jesus Messiah is **more than** a human descendant of David.

-Jesus Messiah is **more than** a political deliverer or conqueror.

-The Bible is **more than** a human produced book.

2. "The trouble was that the title Son of David had got itself inextricably entangled with the idea of a conquering Messiah. It had got involved in political and nationalistic hopes and dreams, aims and ambitions...it was an inadequate description of Messiah." (Barclay)

-"How could David, ...call his own great-great-great-grandson his Lord? (McGee)

-"Jesus is both Son of David as to His humanity, and Son of God as to His divine nature..." (Ironsides)

-"The fact that Messiah was David's Son testified to Messiah's true humanity, but the fact that David called Him 'my Lord' testifies to His true and undiminished deity, for Lord was a title for Deity...The psalm [Psalm 110] taught the true humanity and the true deity of Messiah." (Pentecost)

3. Mark 12:36, "David himself speaking by the Holy Spirit declared" is a formula for a divine saying, an evidence of the doctrine of inspiration. The Bible is inspired, i.e. God-breathed, God guiding and superintending the writers of scripture so that they recorded, without error, that which He wanted them to write (2 Peter 1:20,21; 2 Timothy 3:16,17).

4. Since our faith is based upon a revelation from God, the question of the reliability of the bible is crucial to us. There are six lines of evidence for the reliability of the Bible: 1) unity and consistency; 2) fulfilled prophecy; 3) archaeology; 4) Canoncity (the process, tests, and history by which the 66 books of the Bible were identified as canon; 5) transmission of the text of the Old and New Testaments (tens of thousands of documents exist which underly and verify the Biblical texts; 6) – the Bible claims to be the Word of God. This can be remembered by using the acronym UFACTS.