


The Danger of Seeking Advanced Status in the Eyes of Others


Luke 20:41 – 21:4

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Jesus is the Legitimate “Son of David”

- **Luke 20:41**
Then He said to them, “How is it that they say the Christ is David's son?”
- **Luke 1:32**
He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High; and the Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David;



Jesus cites Psalm 110:1

- **Luke 20:42, 43**
For David himself says in the book of Psalms, “The Lord said to my Lord, ‘Sit at My right hand, Until I make Your enemies a footstool for Your feet.’”

A question that is left unanswered until Peter answers it in Acts 2

■ **Luke 20:44**

Therefore David calls Him “Lord,” and how is He his son?

Peter cites Psalm 16:8-10

■ **Acts 2:25 - 27**

For David says of Him, “I saw the Lord always in my presence; For He is at my right hand, so that I will not be shaken. Therefore my heart was glad and my tongue exulted; Moreover my flesh also will live in hope; Because You will not abandon my soul to Hades, Nor allow Your Holy One to undergo decay.”

Peter shows the resurrection from Ps. 16

■ **Acts 2:29 - 31**

Brethren, I may confidently say to you regarding the patriarch David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. And so, because he was a prophet and knew that God had sworn to him with an oath to seat one of his descendants on his throne, he looked ahead and spoke of the resurrection of the Christ, that He was neither abandoned to Hades, nor did His flesh suffer decay.

Peter shows the resurrection as an eyewitness

■ **Acts 2:32, 33**

This Jesus God raised up again, to which we are all witnesses. Therefore having been exalted to the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, He has poured forth this which you both see and hear.

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■ **Acts 2:34 - 36**

For it was not David who ascended into heaven, but he himself says: "The Lord said to my Lord, 'Sit at My right hand, Until I make Your enemies a footstool for Your feet.'" Therefore let all the house of Israel know for certain that God has made Him both Lord and Christ this Jesus whom you crucified.

Badly motivated Jewish leadership serves as a warning to disciples

■ **Luke 20:45, 46**

And while all the people were listening, He said to the disciples, "Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes, and love respectful greetings in the market places, and chief seats in the synagogues and places of honor at banquets,"

They gain status before men and lose it before God

■ **Luke 20:47**

who devour widows' houses, and for appearance's sake offer long prayers. These will receive greater condemnation.

An immediate object lesson

■ **Luke 21:1, 2**

And He looked up and saw the rich putting their gifts into the treasury. And He saw a poor widow putting in two small copper coins.

The widow illustrates the abuse of the temple system at the time

■ **Luke 21:3, 4**

And He said, "Truly I say to you, this poor widow put in more than all of them; for they all out of their surplus put into the offering; but she out of her poverty put in all that she had to live on."

Applications and Implications

- 1) To seek status in the eyes of others is a serious danger for disciples
- 2) It is a grievous sin to exploit the vulnerable in the name of religion
- 3) We need to care for those who do not appear to have anything to offer us

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■ **1Samuel 15:11, 12**

“I regret that I have made Saul king, for he has turned back from following Me and has not carried out My commands.” And Samuel was distressed and cried out to the Lord all night. Samuel rose early in the morning to meet Saul; and it was told Samuel, saying, “Saul came to Carmel, and behold, he set up a monument for himself, then turned and proceeded on down to Gilgal.”

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■ **1Samuel 15:30**

Then he said, “I have sinned; but please honor me now before the elders of my people and before Israel, and go back with me, that I may worship the Lord your God.”

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■ **2Corinthians 12:7**

Because of the surpassing greatness of the revelations, for this reason, to keep me from exalting myself, there was given me a thorn in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to torment me to keep me from exalting myself!

2) It is a grievous sin to exploit the vulnerable in the name of religion

■ **Micah 2:1, 2**

Woe to those who scheme iniquity, Who work out evil on their beds! When morning comes, they do it, For it is in the power of their hands. They covet fields and then seize them, And houses, and take them away. They rob a man and his house, A man and his inheritance.

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■ **Isaiah 10:1, 2**

Woe to those who enact evil statutes And to those who constantly record unjust decisions, So as to deprive the needy of justice And rob the poor of My people of their rights, So that widows may be their spoil And that they may plunder the orphans.

3) We need to care for those who do not appear to have anything to offer us

■ **James 1:27**

Pure and undefiled religion in the sight of our God and Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.
