

The True Nature of Messiah, Motives & Money **Mark 12:35-44**

Question: Do you know the true identity of Messiah? 35-37

- ◆ This is a direct challenge to the Pharisees' view, Matt. 22:41-46.
- ◆ Ps. 110 is quoted / alluded to 33x in NT (most of any OT verse).
- ◆ Compare Mk. 12:37 to 6:20 for a similar response and fate.
- ◆ What are the implications of Jesus' unanswered question?

Condemnation: Beware the true motives of your leaders. 38-40

- ◆ Matt. 23 reveals even more ugly allegations.
- ◆ Similar warning: 7:6-13, Matt. 7:15, Acts 20:28-30, I Tim. 4:1-3.
- ◆ What kinds of things should tip us off about leaders' motives?

Commendation: Recognize true generosity in people. 41-44

- ◆ Contrast this widow with the leaders who exploit widows.
 - ◆ How should we define true financial generosity?
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- ◆ Contrast this widow with the RYR in 10:17ff.
 - ◆ If the religious leaders receive greater condemnation for ripping off widows, and the RYR lost out on treasure (10:21), then what can she / we expect? Recall 8:34,35, 10:42-45.

