**CHRIST IS OUR VICTORIOUS LORD**

Mark 12:35-44

Key Verse 12:36

*“David himself, speaking by the Holy Spirit, declared: ‘The Lord said to my Lord: “Sit at my right hand until I put your enemies under your feet.”’”*

1. Read verse 35. After silencing all challengers, what question did Jesus pose and why? What does the term, “Son of David” mean (10:47; 2Sa 7:13-14; Isa 11:1)? In what sense is the Christ the Son of David?
2. Read verses 36-37. In Psalm 110:1, which Jesus quotes, what did it mean that David called the Messiah “Lord” (Isa 9:6, 7; Lk 1:31-33)? What promise does the Lord God give the Messiah? Why might the enemies of the Christ tremble? Why is it of the utmost importance to confess Jesus as Lord (Jn 5:39-40; Ac 2:34-36; Ro 10:9-10)?
3. Read verses 38-40. What warning did Jesus give regarding the influence of the teachers of the law? What inconsistencies were present in their inner and outer lives? Why did the Messiah come and why couldn’t they accept a spiritual Messiah? What are the consequence of such hypocrisy?
4. Read verses 41-44. As Jesus watched the crowd giving offerings, what did he notice? What did Jesus teach his disciples by contrasting a poor widow with wealthy donors? How was Jesus’ value system different from that of the religious leaders? What kind of offering pleases God?