

# MARK 12 vs 35

Now Mark tells us, Jesus is responding to the situation He just silenced... those people **of the religious hierarchy** trying to snare Him with His words... that they might kill Him; and He silenced them. And then, He went on the offense. We read

<sup>35</sup> **And Jesus answered and said while He taught in the temple** / in Greek: **hieron**... one of two words used in the NT translated: **temple**. **Hieron** is used in the Gospels and Acts of the Apostles... always referring to **the group of buildings... where the religious hierarchy** served in Jerusalem. After the Acts of the Apostles... **hieron** is not used except once ...when **Paul illustrates comparing** the old way ministering at the temple to the new way ministering the Gospel. A careful study of the 2 words reveals the need to rethink our understanding:



**hieron** = the old brick and stone buildings; where the religious **hierarchy** worked

**naos** = **the new sacred dwelling of the Holy Spirit** -- read **1 Corinthians 3: 16-17**... a distinction clearly made when Stephen finished his speech saying: **the most High dwells not in naos made with hands,**

**Jesus answered and said while He taught in the hieron,**

**How do the scribes say that Christ / the Messiah... is the son of David?**

<sup>36</sup> **For David himself said by the Holy Spirit,**

**The LORD / YHWH... said to my Lord / MY MESSIAH,**

**Sit at my right, till I put Your enemies under Your feet.**

<sup>37</sup> **Therefore David himself calls him Lord; then how is He his son? / said different,**

**David calls him Lord... so how is the Lord... David's son?**

Now the scribes rightly told the people that the Messiah was the Son of David; yet, they could not tell the people... how David called him... his Lord! Oh, they knew the Messiah would be the honor of their nation... and that He should come from the royal family; they knew the truth in part... as it was to their benefit. They knew the Messiah should be honored as David's greater Son; but how He should be the Son of God... they did not know – Matthew Henry.

Jesus questioned these incensed **scribes** of the **religious hierarchy**; to have their ignorance exposed irritated them greatly. You know, none of us like to be thought of as being ignorant... certainly no different than these very envious religious leaders.

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Mark writes...

**And the common people heard Him gladly** / oh, the **scribes** heard Him, but not gladly! And lest we make something more out of that phrase, about the common people... Matthew Henry writes: We do not find Mark telling us any of the common people believed and followed Him. We read: **they heard him gladly**. **Ezekiel 33:30-32** says, the children of your people... everyone speaks to his brother saying, Come, hear the word that comes from the Lord... and they come to you as usual, and they sit before you as My people,

**and they hear your words gladly, but they will not do them...**

For with their mouth they show much love... but their heart goes after their coveting, their insatiable greed is just a lot of lip service going on! [You are to them as a very love song -- Top ten on the billboard! You sing and can play all that religious stuff so well; we love that song! Ezekiel 33](#)

And still the Lord says a second time: **but they will not do them** -- were these common people just onlookers? Simply fascinated by the Lord?

**they heard him gladly** / but did any follow?

And was the interruption abruptly over? Had the religious hierarchy clowns started to leave?

because Mark writes...

<sup>38</sup> **And He said to them as He taught,**

**Beware of the scribes** / be warned about these religious leaders, **a hierarchy** of highly educated hypocrites; concealing what is; while revealing what is not... they were ready to kill Jesus,

**Beware of these pretenders...** **who love to go in long clothing** / wearing those stately stoles and robes worn at all the graduations; as well as at all those weekly liturgical gatherings. Traditions of men die hard, don't they? They like walking around, looking like judges and scholars, and very important people. Their aim is to appear very great! Beware, their aim is to advance themselves, they covet the applause,

**and they love the greetings in the marketplaces** / they love the good wishes, remember: Jesus is slamming the religious leaders -- those who wanted to murder him. they love the market places... even the bookseller market places. They got a new book coming out every week,

<sup>39</sup> **And they love the chief seats in the synagogues, and the uppermost spaces at feasts** / front row at the worship centers; they love looking pontifical...sitting elevated on stately chairs at their assemblies; always head table at festive gatherings; beware their aim is to **appear** very good.

Let's reorganize the next verse... Mark says...

<sup>40</sup> and for a **pretense**, make long prayers / for making a pretend claim based in no fact, these pretenders love standing and praying... to be seen of men. We've all seen them in the restaurants... making verbose prayers. The food was served **hot**... but by the time the AMEN is sounded... it is ice **cold**!

Matthew Henry says, They took great care that it was known they prayed long prayers, as if they were very intimate with heaven and transacted a great deal of business there. They prayed for themselves; they prayed for others! They even prayed for the whole world! Dang! **Jesus died for the whole world... but we** never hear Him pray for the whole world. Matter of fact, He said: **I don't pray for the whole world** -- John 17, So beware of those pretenders.

And Mark writes...

**who devour the houses of widows** / using their position to adjust and take greater claims from these women, because their aim was **to enrich themselves**; pretenders masked in piety... who deceive, who steal from the unsuspecting, and **prey** on the vulnerable... happening throughout the world... still today; things don't change much; Jesus says, they **got their reward**...

**these will receive greater condemnation.**

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