

Eastridge Church  
Sermon Study Questions

Series - Mark: The Untold Story of Jesus

Week 41: Fool's Talk

Passage: Mark 12:35-37



Conversation Starter:

*Do you have a favorite comedy or comedian? Why?*

**Re-read Mark 12:35-37**

This passage opens and instead of being asked a question, Jesus is asking one. *What is significant about Jesus asking a question in this setting? What would it look like to model Jesus' confidence in our setting?*

Jesus asks a question that focuses on trying to understand two titles that were used to describe the authority and lineage of the anticipated Messiah: the Christ (divine) and the son of David (human). At first glance these two titles seem to be contradictory. *In your own words, what is Jesus' goal with this question? What is significant about the truth that Jesus highlights with these titles?*

One thing that is clear from this chapter in Mark is that truth in matters of faith is often complex or may seem contradictory. The more we dig into Scripture the clearer it becomes that we will never be able to fully master all the truths God reveals to us. *What is a truth from Scripture that you struggle with or have struggled with? How have you come to terms with that truth? Why is it important that we allow God to define what truth is as He continues to unfold His story?*

Finally, Pastor Dwain highlighted the beautiful truth that we are to delight in Jesus. For new believers, this delight is often fresh and overflowing. For those that have been believers a while, there is often an ebb and flow to this delight, but for others there seems to be a persistent sense of delight. *Take some time to reflect on this aspect of your relationship with God. What does delight look like in your life? In these challenging times, what does honest delight in God look like? How important is it that God's love for us is not dependent on how we feel, but who He says we are?*

*Close your time in prayer, asking that God would give us the strength that is needed to withstand the pressures from our world that tell us we are being fools. Pray that we would have our eyes open to His presence in our setting, that we would cling to the truth as He continues to unfold His story and that we would delight in Him.*