

JUNE 4, 2021
Friday of the 9th Week in OT
Mark 12: 35-37

“DAVID HIMSELF CALLS JESUS LORD .”

Most of the time, Pharisees and elders of Israel questioned Jesus’ authority, origin and teachings. They always planned to trip Him up, embarrassed and ridiculed Him, but at the end leaders and elders of Israel were the one defeated in very argument.

Jesus Christ in our gospel for today explained the He is the Son of David and at the same time the Lord of David. “Jesus was known as being of the line of King David. St. Joseph was of the house of David. So, too, probably, was Mary because people often married within their own tribe. Hence, Jesus was son of David by the flesh, but Lord of David by his divinity, just as Jesus is both son of Mary and Son of God, her Lord. That is why at the Annunciation, Mary received this message: ‘And the Lord God will give him the throne of David his father, and he will rule over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end’ (Lk 1:32-33). St. Paul notes that Jesus is, ‘His Son, descended from David according to the flesh, but established as Son of God in power.’ (Rom 1:3-4).”¹

My brothers and sisters, as a man, in flesh, born of a Virgin, lived amongst us, Jesus is the Son of David, a descendant of King David but as God, the Second Person of the Blessed Trinity, God who became flesh, is the Lord of David. By this, we are called to accept and follow Jesus as our Lord, the Messiah, the Saviour in our daily lives, and live His teachings and commandments. We need to invite Him to be the King of our hearts, ruler of our minds, thoughts, and actions, to lead and guide our lives, and most especially surrender everything to Him and serve our brothers and sisters respectfully, tenderly and generously. By doing these things, we can say ‘Jesus, you are my Lord and my Savior, my God and my Deliverer. Amen.’

¹ <http://frtonyshomilies.com/>