

People say so many things in so many ways about Jesus. Wrist bands, bumper stickers, and headlines weigh in on Him. Some people seem to know where He stands on gun control. Others know He must be a Republican. Or, did I hear Democrat, Independent, Greenpeace or Socialist? Sects abound with their take on His will. So, how do you know where you stand with regard to Jesus?

The NIV Bible that I carry asks the question, “Whose Son is the Christ?” to headline the text we will focus on today. Is it a moot or rhetorical question? Is it a trick question? After all, **how do you know?**

How is it that they say...?

What does the LORD say?

Listen carefully!

Personal Application and Interaction

1. Describe a time when you were caught up in a conversation that suddenly was focused on thoughts about the identity of Jesus. What did you contribute to the discussion?
2. Why did Jesus ask the question, ***“How is it that the teachers of the law say that the Christ is the son of David?”*** If He would have turned and immediately put the mic in your face, what would you have said, for the record?
3. What do you think was on King David’s mind when in Ps. 110:1, he sang, ***“The LORD said to my Lord: sit at my right hand until I put your enemies under your feet”***? Please explain your response. What does that do to your confidence in the identity of Christ?
4. How do you know who the Christ is and what have you done with Him?
5. How did you receive the challenge to **listen carefully**? What is your practice to ensure that you are thoughtfully and gladly listening to the authoritative Word of God?



How do you know?

Mark 12:35-44

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