# THE OLD TESTAMENT

## WHEN JESUS QUOTES

# WHAT DOES THE STORY OF MOSES AND THE BURNING BUSH HAVE TO DO WITH JESUS?

### -EXODUS 3

#### MATTHEW 22:41-46

While the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them, "What do you think about the Messiah? Whose son is he?"

"The son of David," they replied.

He said to them, "How is it then that David, speaking by the Spirit, calls him 'Lord'? For he says,

"'The Lord said to my Lord:

"Sit at my right hand

until I put your enemies

under your feet."'

If then David calls him 'Lord,' how can he be his son?" No one could say a word in reply, and from that day on no one dared to ask him any more questions.

#### THE MESSIAH – SON OF DAVID

- <u>2 Samuel 7:12-13</u>
- Isaiah 9:6-7
- Jeremiah 23:5-6

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Psalm 110:1 - The LORD says to my lord: "Sit at my right hand until I make your enemies a footstool for your feet.

#### EXODUS 3:13-15

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God also said to Moses, "Say to the Israelites, 'The Lord, the God of your fathers –the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob –has sent me to you.'

"This is my name forever, the name you shall call me from generation to generation."

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  - ► God says about himself "I AM, I EXIST" EHYEH
  - ▶ We say about Him "HE IS, HE EXISTS" YHWH YAHWEH

#### WHO IS THE MESSIAH?

- Psalm 110:1 The LORD says to my lord: "Sit at my right hand until I make your enemies a footstool for your feet.
  - LORD = YHWH = Hebrew name for God (capital "G") Yahweh
  - Iord = adon = Hebrew for lord, master, person in charge etc.
- Psalm 110:1 The LORD (yhwh Yahweh) says to my lord (adoni my master): "Sit at my right hand until I make your enemies a footstool for your feet."
  - ▶ How can the Messiah be the "Son of David" and the "Lord of David"
    - Jesus is BOTH the human descendant of David (Matthew 1) and Son of God - Deity (Psalm 110:1)
- Very truly I tell you," Jesus answered, "before Abraham was born, I am!" At this, they picked up stones to stone him, but Jesus hid himself, slipping away from the temple grounds - John 8:58

#### SADDUCEES – BACKGROUND

- Matthew 22:23 "That same day the Sadducees, who say there is no resurrection, came to him with a question."
- Acts 23:8 "The Sadducees say that there is no resurrection, and that there are neither angels nor spirits, but the Pharisees believe all these things."
- Josephus "They also take away the belief of the immortal duration of the soul, and the punishments and rewards in Hades"
- Daniel 12:1-2 "At that time Michael, the great prince who protects your people, will arise. There will be a time of distress such as has not happened from the beginning of nations until then. But at that time your people–everyone whose name is found written in the book –will be delivered. <u>Multitudes who sleep in the dust of the earth will awake: some to everlasting life, others to shame and everlasting contempt."</u>
- Sadducees rejected resurrection, angels, spirits, eternity

#### MARRIAGE AT THE RESURECTION

That same day the Sadducees, who say there is no resurrection, came to him with a question. "Teacher," they said, "Moses told us that if a man dies without having children, his brother must marry the widow and raise up offspring for him. Now there were seven brothers among us. The first one married and died, and since he had no children, he left his wife to his brother. The same thing happened to the second and third brother, right on down to the seventh. Finally, the woman died. Now then, at the resurrection, whose wife will she be of the seven, since all of them were married to her?"

Jesus replied, "You are in error because you do not know the Scriptures or the power of God. At the resurrection people will neither marry nor be given in marriage; they will be like the angels in heaven. But about the resurrection of the dead–have you not read what God said to you, 'I am the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob'? He is not the God of the dead but of the living."

When the crowds heard this, they were astonished at his teaching.

Matthew 22:23-33

#### EXODUS 3:6

- Exodus 3:6 Then he [God] said, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob." At this, Moses hid his face, because he was afraid to look at God.
- Exodus 3:6 Then he [God] said, "I am [currently, right now, in eternity] the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob." At this, Moses hid his face, because he was afraid to look at God.
- But in the account of the burning bush, even Moses showed that the dead rise, for he calls the Lord 'the God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. ' He is not the God of the dead, but of the living, for to him all are alive." Luke 20:37-38

#### CONCLUSIONS

- Three truths about God
  - Jesus is a human descendant of David (the Messiah)
  - Jesus is Lord of David Jesus is also deity, divine, God
  - God is the God of the living (on earth) and the eternally living (souls) - There is eternity/resurrection
- Do not underestimate knowledge of scripture or the power of God
  - Jesus replied, "You are in error because you do not know the Scriptures or the power of God.

#### **NEXT WEEK**

- Hearing but not understanding
  - Matthew 13:1-17