



# JESUS: KING AND JUDGE



## Gospel Life Communities Study Guide

Matthew 22: 41-46

### *Jesus Is Lord*

Welcome to the Fall 2024 GLC Season! We hope the Lord is blessing, challenging, and encouraging you through this sermon series thus far. This season, we will be in Matthew chapters 22-25, which covers Jesus's interactions with his disciples and the religious leaders of the day, in the last week before his arrest, trial, and crucifixion.

Our weekly studies will have four parts, following the four categories that we've set for GLC's, and then end with prayer.

#### exploring

**We will explore God's word together, looking at the actual words of the passage each week.**

#### digging

**We will dig deeper into the word, discussing the context and meaning of the passage.**

#### growing

**We will discuss how the passage is applied to our own lives.**

#### going

**We will discuss how the passage informs, challenges, and encourages our gospel witness.**



## exploring

41 Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them a question, 42 saying, “What do you think about the Christ? Whose son is he?” They said to him, “The son of David.” 43 He said to them, “How is it then that David, in the Spirit, calls him Lord, saying,

44 “The Lord said to my Lord,  
“Sit at my right hand,  
until I put your enemies under your feet” ’?

45 If then David calls him Lord, how is he his son?” 46 And no one was able to answer him a word, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

1. Read Matthew 22:41-46 as a group.
2. After reading it together, what questions about this passage come to mind?

## digging

1. The birth of a son brought great joy to the Hebrew family, because a family’s heritage and inheritance was preserved through its sons (Nelson’s New Illustrated Bible Dictionary). Based on this definition of the term “son”, who’s lineage did the Pharisees put their hope in?
2. In vs. 43-45, does Jesus’ refute the idea that the Christ is David’s son or does he agree with it? Explain.
3. Why does sit say “The Lord” and “my Lord”? Are there two Lords? Explain.

## growing

1. The Pharisees were willing to recognize the Christ from a human perspective but not a divine perspective. How does society outside the church struggle with Jesus as being fully God and fully man?
2. How have you struggled with the complete humanity and complete divinity of Jesus? (Phil 2:7, Col 1:15-20).
3. How did Jesus face all the temptations of man without sinning? (Heb 4:15)

## going

1. In what ways are Christians assured through the humanity of Jesus?
2. In what ways are Christians assured through the divinity of Jesus?
3. How would you share this assurance that we have with someone who is skeptical, opposed, or simply broken in life?

# Pray “Kingdom Prayers”

Kingdom prayers are prayers that don't only focus on the immediate need, but also on God's glory.

For example, if someone has a sore knee instead of just praying “God, please heal Betty's knee”, you would pray something like “God, please heal Betty's knee so that she can continue to serve you and your people; so that she can continue attend worship services pain free and give you glory for your healing hand.”

See the difference?

## Some ideas of what to pray for:

- Each other's needs/requests
- King Road's ministries, missionaries, members, and pastors
- Opportunities to share the gospel