

Beyond happy

1. Jesus is teaching, so I must 35a

People don't care how much you know.

They want to know how much you care.

. more than head

. more than secular

³⁵ While Jesus was teaching in the temple courts, he asked:

'Why do the teachers of the law say that the Messiah is the son of David?

2. Jesus is questioning, so I must 35b37a

Who do say that I am?

Jesus is

³⁶ David himself, speaking by the Holy Spirit, declared:

“The Lord said to my Lord:

'Sit at my right hand until I put your enemies under your feet.'”

[Psalm 110:1]

³⁷ David himself calls him “Lord”. How then can he be his son?

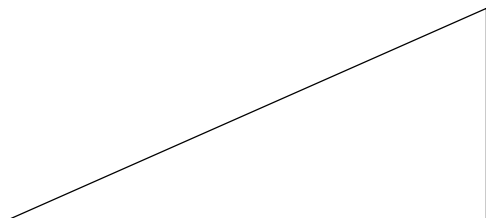
3. Jesus is Lord, so I must 36

"The Lord" is

"my Lord" is

4. Jesus gives delight, my response 37

. to Him with delight.



The large crowd listened to him with delight.

My Prayer Points for this week

For personal reflection, or as discussion starters

1. What is your Happy Place, and why are you happy there?
2. Jesus taught people with authority (eg. Mark 1:22,27), but he did so with compassion (eg. Mark 6:34). Why are authority and compassion so difficult to combine? How do you think Jesus successfully combined authority and compassion? Can I do that too?
3. Jesus made His death & resurrection a special focus of His teaching (eg. Mark 8:31, 9:31). Why was this so important to Him (eg. 1 Corinthians 15:3-4, Ephesians 1:7, Colossians 2:13-15)
4. Why can God use my words, even when I feel like I say the wrong thing? Can I be happy about being a poor witness?
5. Why is Jesus' question, "Who do you say that I am?" (Mark 8:29) so important? List some good answers, then pick the best one.
6. Why is happiness such a fleeting experience? Why is Joy better than happiness? Does God want me to be happy, and if He does, why do things happen that make me unhappy?
7. List some things to do this week to increase pleasure for yourself and for others.

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