



## ***“Jesus and the Culture Wars”***

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***Introduction*** – Three separate groups within the Jewish Sanhedrin, and the secular Herodians try to trap Jesus in what He says. Today we see that Jesus has turned the tables.

### ***I. The Arguments with Jesus.***

- A. Jesus refuses to take a side.
- B. Jesus opposes the Sadducees, Pharisees, Herodians, and Scribes.
- C. Jesus is unique!
- D. Christianity can be summed up in one idea:
- E. The Gospel is unique!

### ***II. Reasoning with Jesus.***

- A. Jesus is surrounded by people who don't believe in Him and are opposed to Him.
- B. Jesus gives them an argument to prove His identity as the Messiah.
  - 1. Jesus begins with a premise they all believed was true.

- 2. If the Messiah is David's son, how do they explain Psalm 110?  
“YHWH said to my Adonai . . .”

- 3. How can David's lord also be his son?

- C. Only Jesus can fulfill the Biblical description of the Messiah.

### ***III. Lessons Learned.***

- A. What hinders people from seeing who Jesus is?
- B. Every culture has its own basis for knowing whether something is true.
- C. Jesus refuses to prove who He is - based on a culture's test.
- D. The ultimate argument to prove Jesus' identity is:

### ***Conclusion***