

Holy Wednesday: Following Jesus' as Servant King

Song: [Jesus shall take the highest honour](#)

Prayer

Reading [Luke 20:41 – 21:1-4](#)

Reflection

- Today's passage continues Jesus' teaching in Jerusalem.
- This teaching focuses on the identity of Jesus and on our identity
- And what this identity signifies to our behaviour.

- First of all in the context of David, Jesus looks at the identity of the Messiah, quoting ps 110:1.
 - If the Messiah is the Son of David, then David must be greater?
 - But David calls him my Lord – how can that be.

- Jesus here is again using a phrase to describe the identity of Messiah. Yes, Son of David is right – but the Messiah is more than the Son of David.
- A whole array of titles is used to describe Jesus: the Word, the lamb of God, the Son of God, the Son of Man, King of Israel, the prophet like Moses, high priest in the order of Melchizedek, to name a few.
 - And none of these cover the Messiah fully
 - So we have to be careful trying to label Jesus, label the Messiah, as when we do we limit him

- And then switches to the teachers of the Law
 - It is clear from Luke that Jesus was regarded as a teacher by the crowd
 - And that some believe that he is the Messiah
 - Surely as a teacher of the law and Messiah he should be shown the honour that the teachers of the law receive: flowing robes, greeted as special and reserved important seats.
 - But if they are why are they treating the widows unjustly for showy prayers?
 - Historical reference allude that the teachers of the law accepted payment for legal aid , mismanaged their property as widows (like Anna) served in the temple, and accepted money for prayer for them. They probably did for everyone, but the widows could not afford these payments.
 - While Jesus does not claim any of these treats – but treats everyone justly

- And followed by these accusations he also saw a widow, giving about two pennies to God in the offertory boxes, while this was all she could have. And Jesus recognises that her gift out of adversity and poverty is more then what the people with regular incomes or rich people gave to the temple. It may be a lot, but they can afford it, while the widow can't.

- How does the identity of Jesus as the Christ, the Messiah and the Son of God affects his behaviour? Does he behave like that? No, he behaves as if he is our brother. Even though we worship him as Son of God.
- So how does our identity as Children of God and the Father, Son and Holy Spirit affect our behaviour? Do we feel special? Yes! Do we act special? No --- ! We act

like brothers and sisters even to the least of these: the widows, the poor, the homeless, the ones who have not yet accepted Jesus.

- As this is how Jesus dealt with everyone – regardless of social status or status in relationship to him

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Prayer

Song: [The Servant King](#)