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Mat. 22:42. • •

From Thursday at the end.

Matthew 22: 42

Saying what think ye
of Christ

It looks to me some like
a daring Presumption, that
I should stand before you
thus say as a Teacher,
what can I say to you;
you that are highly Prized
by the Lord of Hosts,
to whom God has done
great and Marvellous things,
you that are Lifted within
the Light of Heaven, as it were,
in Point of Gospel Blessings,
and you that are rejoiced with
Literature and kinds of Sciences
who am I should that I should

Stand before this great con-
gregation this Day, I am
am but Babe in Religion
that began to think of it, as it
was but yesterday, and in your
feel every way, I shall not
~~betray~~ betray my Profound Ignorance
in speaking to before you -
~~And that that so~~ for I have
not the Wisdom of the Wise nor
Knowledge of the Learned nor
Eloquence of the Orator - but
I wish (and with Propriety) to
to any one Poor Impotent Soul
in this great Congregation,
as Peter said to a Poor cripple,
Silver and Gold have I none
but such as I have give thee
In the Name of Jesus Christ of
Nazareth, Rise up and walk
Praise Sir, when I thus consider
with my self I am ready to with

my self in the Meanest Corner
of the House of God, if there is
any such Place, to attend
with Silence and Proud humili-
tation, and his Esteem it
an Inestimable Privilege to sit
with the People of God in his
Divine Worship.

Yet since, God in ^{his} Mysterious
and almost Meraculous Pro-
vidence, has taken me from
the Jung Hill, and from Hau-
toush Darkness and Gross In-
Duty, to this Sacred Tent, in
this very, before you, and be-
fore the Eternal Jehovah, -
if it may be for Gods Glory
and Honor, I think I am re-
ady to stand before you
all, if it is only as a spec-
tator and a Gazing Stock, in-
duced by the Importunity
of some Friends and my self.

willing to qualify you all,
and preparing the (answer)
to the whole this Assembly,
I will ^{now} ~~begin~~ begin with the
Text, with out any further
Apology,

And here I have chosen an
inexhaustible ^{and full} Text, which
represents the ^{very} life and marrow
of the Christian Religion, the
very Centre of the whole Bible
John V. 39

our Text contains the ^{greatest} Question
in the Christian Religion -
Life Everlasting is the reward
to them that answer it right
but Eternal Death to them
that don't answer it right

But to make a way for
the Text let us consider the
occasion of this important
Question.

as we may remember, that
several crafty Questions have
Proposed to our blessed by Super-
erudite sort of People, to Incongru-
ize, but they have taken in their
own Traps and have confounded, &
while the Pharisees were gathered
together, Jesus took an opportunity
to propose unto them this one great
and most important Question, which
was contained in their Religion,
Saying what think ye of Christ
whose Son is he, they said the Son
of David, &c.

Now he may Mainly see, how
what a restless thing Man's mind
is. How busy were the thoughts
of these Men about Christ.
Man's thoughts are always upon
ago, at some object or other, it
is like a living Spring that runs
continually; and indeed it is this
that distinguishes him from the
Beasts of the Field; — But all
the objects of thought Christ should
be the only object of Meditation
but when is put to generation

that his thoughts are continually running after other objects, upon our creature, more than upon the Creator, — I saw a plain man ^{my} to our day, to inquire after News, and if any thing ^{removable} is come by our Fellow Men, how ready are we to applaud and admire such a one, & in our day, Christ has greatly honored, the King of Persia in losing him, to turn to his Enemies, how is he admired every where, but it is he who Christ is proud of, may we, he shall be our admiration, we will give him the Praise for it is he who has done all these these things by his Command, indeed Sir Caesar ought to have his due

All that I shall have to
do with this text is, to see
what different opinions there
has been about Christ in all
Ages, both under the Old and
New Testament,
and in doing of which I shall
give you short account of
according to Scripture
1 as he was the Promised
Messiah,

2 as he was actually con-
ceived and born into the world
3 his publick Appearance
and Ministration.

4 his Miracles & his Teaching
5 his Death - Buriall and re-
surrection, and Appearance
to his Disciples

6 his Ascension and Exalta-
tion at the right hand of
the Father

7 his Intercession;

of his second coming to Judge
the world at the last Day

I first then let us see how Jesus
Christ represented to the world
under the old Covenant, and what
Treatment he met with in the
world, we find according to Scrip-
tures that was represented by
various Names, Titles and Sta-
tions and Figures

he was called the Seed of the
woman the Seed of Abraham
Isaac and Jacob, his Name
was Jesus, Messiah, Emmanuel
a Servant the Branch a tryed
Stone the Chief Corner Stone
the Rod our Righteousness the
Root and the Rad of Jesse the
Morning Star, the Prophet
Priest and King the wonder-
ful Counsellor the mighty God
the Everlasting Father the Prince
of Peace, besides these he was
represented by various

Figures, Sacrifices and Ceremonies, and his Servants.
The Prophets, *Die manigfaltigen*
and Leaders by his opposition
yet most all the world were
against them except a few,
as the Jews were the Secular
or people of god all the world
was against them, and
~~there~~ there were but few true
Godly People even among the
Jews, ~~the~~ and they were hated
by their own ^{own} Brethren, and
were slain chiefly by their
own Brethren
2. By whom Christ was born
they rose up against him
and would have slain him
as soon as he was born
3. And there were but few that
rejoiced at his birth, such
as the Shepherds, and the ^{wise} men
and Anna the Prophetess

and wife were seen the last of
his publick appearance
and Mystification, & his Mira-
cles testify his Doctrine
and his best appearance in
the Temple of God, sitting in
midst of the Doctors, both hear-
ing and Asking them Questions
and after this he gave an
Account of his Miracles &
and now was the time for
Man to think of him, but
what did they think of him?
and his Praising was now
a publick to every mans
Confideration, but what did
they say of him, there was
Judges Saggient Judgements
and him found &

you do take ^{the} woman to be
your Married wife, and
do in the presence of God
and before these witnesses,
promise to and covenant
to be a loving and faithful
Husband unto her, until
God shall separate you
by Death —

you do in like manner
take this Man, to be
your Married Husband,
and do in presence of God,
and before these witnesses,
promise to be loving, faithful
and obedient wife unto
him, till God shall separate
you by Death

I do thou before god, and
thy witnesses. I declare
you to be Husband and
Wife - Thou give what
I give and have joined together
What ~~no~~ Man shall separate