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*No Son of Mine*  
Mark 12:35-40

1. What is your understanding of a pharisee? How would you describe one?
2. What is the significance of Jesus quoting Psalm 110? How did it challenge the views of the people that the Messiah would be both the *Son of David* and *Son of God*?
3. To show his love, God didn't give us a perfect argument or perfect sign (although there are plenty of both) – he gave us a perfect person who would die on the cross. As we read the Bible and learn more about Jesus, do you think the following quote is true?

*“He is full of surprises, but they are all surprises of perfection. You are never amazed, one day by his greatness, the next by his littleness. You are ever amazed that he is incomparably better than you could have expected. He is tender without being weak, strong without being coarse, lowly without being servile. He has conviction without intolerance, enthusiasm without fanaticism, holiness without Pharisaism, passion without prejudice. This Man alone never made a false step, never struck a jarring note.”*  
Ian Maclaren (*The Mind of the Master*, 1896, p.81-82).

How does this quote shape your expectations or understanding of Jesus?  
How does it shape or impact your expectations of others?

4. We've seen Jesus' judgment on the temple in the last chapter (the clearing of the temple), this chapter (vv.1-12), and in the next (13:1-2). Read Mark 12:11 and discuss the significance of the stone that will be rejected.