

Jerusalem **SmackDown**

Round Six – The Knockout

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Matthew 22:41-23:39

⁴¹ Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them a question, ⁴² saying, "What do you think about the Christ? Whose son is he?" They said to him, "The son of David." ⁴³ He said to them, "How is it then that David, in the Spirit, calls him Lord, saying,

⁴⁴ "'The Lord said to my Lord, Sit at my right hand, until I put your enemies under your feet'?

⁴⁵ If then David calls him Lord, how is he his son?" ⁴⁶ And no one was able to answer him a word, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

^{23:1-36} *The Seven Woes*

³⁷ "O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often would I have gathered your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you would not! ³⁸ See, your house is left to you desolate. ³⁹ For I tell you, you will not see me again, until you say, 'Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.'"

Discussion Questions

Have you ever seen anything you really liked get destroyed?
What kind of feelings flooded through you?

Why do you think Jesus asked this final question?
Did it accomplish what He wanted it to?

Does chapter 23 seem like Jesus to you?
Why does He do this?

What strikes you in this list of charges against the religious leaders?

What does this have to do with today's church?
Can we make the same mistakes?
Are we making the same mistakes?

How can we avoid making the same errors in our lives and church?

Does Jesus' final pronouncement change the character of the chapter?