QUESTIONS FOR ADDITIONAL STUDY

1. Tell your story. Describe a time in your life when you discovered

 that the outward appearance of someone or something was

 deceiving. How did you discover the truth?

2. Why do people feel the need to pretend to be something they are

 not? How can we encourage them to be themselves?

3. Read the following passages and note the Bible says about

 appearances:

a) I Samuel 16:7

b) Proverbs 11:22

c) Proverbs 31:30

d) Matthew 23:27-28

e) John 7:24

f) James 1:22-24

g) I Peter 3:3-4

4. Why did Jesus tell His listeners to beware of the scribes and the

 Pharisees?

5. What practical application are you going to make from this week’s

 message? (*Share your decision with another person*.)

* I am going to examine my life for areas where I may be exalting myself above others or having an attitude of pride.
* I am going to do something kind to another person who cannot return the favor. (Seek to do it anonymously.)
* I am going to memorize I Samuel 16:7.

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Luke 20:41-47 Study Series #087

***Beware of Outward Appearances***

**I. Introduction**

**II. The Example of Jesus**

 A. The Question

 (See Luke 20:41; Matthew 22:41-42; Mark 12:35; I John 4:1-6;

 I John 5:1; Matthew 16:13-17; I John 2:21-25; John 14:6;

 Matthew 26:71; Luke 18:37; John 1:45; Mark 15:43;

 John 11:1; Luke 23:26; II Samuel 7:8-16; Isaiah 11:1;

 Jeremiah 23:5; Micah 5:2; Matthew 9:27; Matthew 15:22;

 Matthew 21:15)

 B. The Scripture

 (See Luke 20:42-43; Matthew 22:44; Mark 12:36;

 Psalm 110:1; Colossians 3:1; Joshua 10:24)

 C. The Dilemma

(See Luke 20:44; Matthew 22:45-46; Mark 12:37;

 II Peter 1:21; II Timothy 3:16-17John 12:37-40; John 5:39-40;

 Isaiah 7:14; John 8:41; Isaiah 35:4-6; John 8:46-59)

**III. The Example of the Scribes**

 A. The Superior Appearance

 (See Luke 20:44-45; Matthew 23:1-5; Mark 12:38;

 Matthew 9:20; Matthew 23:5)

 B. Their Speech

 (See Luke 20:46; Matthew 23:7; Mark 12:38; Psalm 111:9;

 Matthew 23:7-10)

 C. Their Status

 (See Luke 20:46; Matthew 23:6; Mark 12:39; Luke 14:7-11)

 D. The Spirituality

 (See Luke 20:47; Matthew 23:5; Mark 12:40; Luke 18:10-14)

**IV. Conclusion**

 (See I Samuel 16:7; Hebrews 4:12-13)

If you would like to know more about what it means to be a Christian, or if you would like to talk with someone or have someone pray for you, please see the pastor after the service and he or one of our church leaders will be glad to speak with you.

**Passage of Study**

**Luke 20:41-47**

**41**Then He said to them, “How *is it that* they say the Christ is David’s son? **42**For David himself says in the book of Psalms, ‘The LORD said to my Lord, “Sit at My right hand, **43**Until I make Your enemies a footstool for Your feet.”’

**44**Therefore David calls Him ‘Lord,’ and how is He his son?”

**45**And while all the people were listening, He said to the disciples, **46**“Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes, and love respectful greetings in the marketplaces, and chief seats in the synagogues and places of honor at banquets, **47**who devour widows’ houses, and for appearance’s sake offer long prayers. These will receive greater condemnation.”

**Parallel Passage of Study**

**Matthew 22:41-23:14**

**Parallel Passage of Study**

**Mark 12:35-40**

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