

The Attackers: Peter's Pentecost Sermon: 2 Natures of Jesus Christ; Peter Quotes David in Ps 110:1 & Draws Conclusion, Acts 2:34–36; Resultant Salvations & Baptisms, v. 41; the Lord's Q & A with the Pharisees, Matt 22:43–46

17. Peter drives home His point that Jesus is the Messiah with a closing argument that again quotes David, this time from Psalm 110:1:

Acts 2:34 - "For it was not David who ascended into heaven, but he himself says: 'The LORD [Κύριος (*Kurios*): **God the Father**] said to My LORD [Κύριος (*Kurios*): **God the Son**], "Sit at My right hand,

v. 35 - until I make Your enemies a footstool for Your feet."

v. 36 - "Therefore let all the house of Israel know for certain that God has made Him both Lord [deity] and Christ [true humanity]—this Jesus [hypostatic union] whom you crucified."

18. Again we see a reference back to the Old Testament and David speaking of his Son being invited to sit at the right hand of God the Father.
19. In doing so, Peter's closing argument is that Jesus of Nazareth is both undiminished deity and true humanity in one Person.
20. This verse corroborates other passages that confirm the deity of Christ. In quoting David, Peter cites the same formula both David used in Psalm 110:1 and Jesus used in Matthew 22:44.
21. *Kurios* is the noun for the deity of God and Messiah. When David said "the LORD" he spoke of God the Father. When he spoke "said to my LORD," he indicated that his earthly son was also undiminished deity.
22. Jews from as many as 16 countries had gathered in Jerusalem for Pentecost, one of the three "solemn feasts" of Israel (Passover and Tabernacles).
23. Reference to the crucifixion implies the feast of Passover which begins with the selection of an innocent lamb from each family's flock which is to be prepared for sacrifice.

In Exodus 12, God outlined explicit steps to be taken by those who trusted in Him so that they, unlike Pharaoh and the Egyptians, would not be struck down by the final plague. They were to select a year-old male lamb in its prime. It was to be a perfect lamb without any flaw or defect. It was to be taken out from the flock on the tenth day of the Hebrew month of Nisan \ni'-san\ and kept until the fourteenth day of the month. This would allow time for each family to observe the lamb and confirm that it was fit. This would also allow time for each family to become personally attached to their lamb so that it would no longer be just a *lamb*, but *their lamb*. This would deeply impress upon them the costly nature of the sacrifice. An innocent one was to die in their place.¹

¹ Kevin Howard and Marvin Rosenthal, *The Feasts of the Lord* (Nashville: Thomas Nelson, 1997), 49–50.

24. Jesus Christ is said to be “our Passover” in 2 Corinthians 5:7. The Jews who gathered for that feast in A.D. 33 were in Jerusalem for the ritual, not the reality. Peter’s sermon at Pentecost makes it abundantly clear that the ritual had been fulfilled in “Jesus, whom you crucified” (Acts 2:36).
25. Among those who heard the gospel of salvation that day, about three thousand believed and received eternal life:

Acts 2:41 - So then, those who had received his word were baptized;² and that day there were added about three thousand souls.

26. Whereas thousands of visiting Jews were convinced by Peter’s quotes from David, that Jesus was Messiah, the spiritual Illuminati were left speechless by the Lord’s use of these same passages:

Matthew 22:43 - He said to them, “Then how does David in the Spirit call Him ‘Lord,’ saying,

v. 44 - [Psalm 110:1] “The LORD [Κύριος (*Kurios*): God the Father] said to my LORD [Κύριος (*Kurios*): Son of God], ‘Sit at My right hand, until I put Your enemies beneath Your feet’”?

v. 45 - “If David then calls Him ‘LORD [Κύριος (*Kurios*)],’ how is He his son?”

v. 46 - No one was able to answer Him a word, nor did anyone dare from that day on to ask Him another question.

27. In this chapter, the various schisms of Judaism attacked the Lord: (1) the Herodians (Matthew 22:15–22, (2) the Sadducees (vv. 23–33), and (3) the Pharisees (vv. 34–46).
28. All of them knew about the Messiah’s chart pedigree from David, but none of them were willing to also accept His divine chart pedigree of the Trinity.
29. I have referred to the Lord’s chart pedigree during the midweek study, *The Nike Awards*, but I would like to define the concept within this study of *The Attackers*.

² For a detailed study on water baptism see: Joe Griffin, *Baptism: Controversies and Schisms* (St. Charles: Joe Griffin Media Ministries, 2005), <http://www.joegriffin.org/Pages/ClassArchive.aspx?SeriesID=SBC05&ArchiveTitle=Shreveport+Bible+Conference%3a+Baptism%3a+Controversies+%26+Schisms>.