

But people in the Jewish culture of Jesus day would say,
"How could you let her walk away as an adulterer?"

But I will tell you what they're not offended by is this idea that there's absolute truth and if you don't have it you're lost, albeit they wouldn't have accepted Jesus as ultimate truth.

The post modern crowd will say: I just can't accept that part."

Here's the point: The things that offend them we love.
The things they love, offend us.

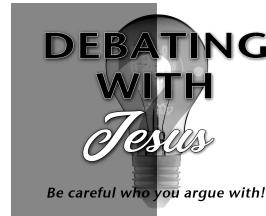
So if you try to get rid of or void the offensive aspects of Jesus, you have a Jesus only for you. The only way he'll be a Jesus who blesses everyone is if you let him be offensive.

It is foolish to the Jews, who ask for signs from heaven. And it is foolish to the Greeks, who seek human wisdom.²³ So when we preach that Christ was crucified, the Jews are offended and the Gentiles say it's all nonsense. 1 Corinthians 1:22,23

"...But to those called by God to salvation, both Jews and Gentiles, Christ is the power of God and the wisdom of God.²⁵ This foolish plan of God is wiser than the wisest of human plans, and God's weakness is stronger than the greatest of human strength. 1 Corinthians 1:24,25

¹⁸ Stop deceiving yourselves. If you think you are wise by this world's standards, you need to become a fool to be truly wise. 1 Corinthians 3:18

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Jesus Christ: Whose Son is He?

**Matthew 11:2-6 &
Chapter 22:41-46**

² When John heard in prison what Christ was doing, he sent his disciples³ to ask him, "Are you the one who was to come, or should we expect someone else?"

⁴ Jesus replied, "Go back and report to John what you hear and see:⁵ The blind receive sight, the lame walk, those who have leprosy are cured, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the good news is preached to the poor.⁶ Blessed is the man who does not fall away on account of me." Matthew 11

We'll continue our reading in 22:41.

⁴¹ While the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them, ⁴² "What do you think about the Christ? Whose son is he?" "The son of David," they replied.

⁴³ He said to them, "How is it then that David, speaking by the Spirit, calls him 'Lord'? For he says, 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 can he be his son?" ⁴⁶ No one could say a word in reply, and from that day on no one dared to ask him any more questions. Matthew 22

I. The incisive question

⁴² "What do you think about the Christ? Whose son is he?"

The word *Christos* that is translated to Christ is the Greek word that is the same as the Hebrew word *Mashiach*, which means the *Messiah*. A term that occurs 39 times in the Hebrew Bible.

The Old Testament or Hebrew Bible predicted a coming Messiah, a great leader who was going to come and put everything right.

So Jesus asks who is he to be descended from?
"The son of David," they replied. vs. 42

All 1st century Jewish religious leaders would've had consensus on this. The Hebrew bible says he will be a descendant of David.

Then Jesus says, "Well what about Psalm 110 written by David? In this Psalm, David speaks about a great person whose scepter will go out from Zion and who is going to rule over the nations.

This was understood to be this messianic figure.

"How is it then that David, speaking by the Spirit, calls him 'Lord'? For he says,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 can he be his son?"

David was the king of Israel. *Who would David be calling "Lord"?* Because he would not have addressed a merely human descendent as Lord.

II. How does the question work on his audience?

⁴⁶ No one could say a word in reply,

They are completely stumped, but why?
Because they had a limited view of the Messiah.

Jesus wants them to see the Messiah is not just going to be the son of David, but the Son of God.

Jesus had been presenting his divine credentials for three years. He had done so many things to prove he was the Son of God that unbelievers had to deny the obvious to conclude anything else.

After raising Lazarus:

⁴⁵ Many of the people who were with Mary believed in Jesus when they saw this happen.⁴⁶ But some went to the Pharisees and told them what Jesus had done.⁴⁷ Then the leading priests and Pharisees called the high council together. "What are we going to do?" they asked each other. "This man certainly performs many miraculous signs.⁴⁸ If we allow him to go on like this, soon everyone will believe in him. Then the Roman army will come and destroy both our Temple and our nation."

John 11:45-48

Jesus says listen go to the Scripture and start looking at the information don't make the scripture fit your narrative.

Jesus even does this to John the Baptist.

² When John, who was in prison, heard about the deeds of the Messiah, he sent his disciples³ to ask him, "Are you the one who is to come, or should we expect someone else?"

Matthew 11:2, 3

Jesus replied, "Go back and report to John what you hear and see:⁵ The blind receive sight, the lame walk, those who have leprosy are cured, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the good news is preached to the poor. Matthew 11:4, 5

If God truly became incarnate what kind of man would he be?

Well we'd expect him to be sinless.

We would expect him to be holy.

We would expect his words to be the greatest words ever spoken.

We would expect him to perform miracles.

We would expect him to manifest the love of God.

III. Where does this debate lead?

⁶ Blessed is the (one) who does not fall away on account of me." Matthew 11:6

Jesus is saying: "*Blessed are you who started to take offense at me but chose to trust me instead.*"

Example: Jesus that rescues the woman caught in adultery, and says, "Let any one of you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her."

John 8:7

What happens when our 21st Century culture reads that?
They say I like the non-judgmental Jesus. Right?

But then we come to Jesus saying, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. John 14:6