

"God Of The Living"
Matthew 22:23-33
Sunday Morning Services April 20, 2025

Job 14:14 "If a man dies, will he live again? (Great Question)"

Two Sources for the answer.

Human Speculation:

Divine Revelation: John 17:17

Resurrection – *"act of rising from the dead, to rise again, to live again."*

The Resurrection is not a Religious View - It's a Fact of History! "The Church Did Not Create The Resurrection, The Resurrection Created The Church!"

Jesus raised three people from the dead during His three years of ministry:

1. Widow's Son - **Luke 7:14-15**
2. Daughter of Jairus - **Luke 8:54-55**
3. Lazarus - **John 11:43-44**

Thought Of Our Passage: "The Truth Of The Resurrection Can Only Be Discovered Through Divine Revelation, Not Human Speculation."

1. Verses 23-28 Resurrection & Human Speculation:

2. Verses 29-33 Resurrection & Divine Revelation:

1. Verses 23-28 Resurrection & Human Speculation:

Matthew 22:23 On that day

The day was Tuesday of the Passion Week.

Tuesday is referred to as *"The Day of Controversy."*

Five questions.

Four questions are asked by the religious leaders, but one question is asked by Jesus of them.

The Context was a political/religious question:

"Is it lawful for us to pay taxes to Caesar, or not?"

The next question deals with **"Life After Death"**

The error of thinking that the eternal order is like the earthly!

some Sadducees –

This was a group that was supposed to have started from **Zadok**, the high priest at the time of David. They were overseers of the temple in 1st century.

Sadducees prized themselves as being the priests!

Religious pride is an oxymoron. **Deuteronomy 7:6-8**

Five False Beliefs Of The Sadducees That Led To Bad Behavior:

1. Did Not Believe In The Resurrection:

(who say there is no resurrection)

Acts 23:8 Sadducees only recognized The Pentateuch as Scripture.

The Bible records no less than 10 accounts of people being raised from the dead in both the OT & NT.

2. Did Not Believe In A Future Judgment: Genesis 3:4

serpent said to the woman, "You surely shall not die!"

The first doctrine doubted and denied by the Devil is that of the judgment of God!

3. Believed At Death The Soul Perishes Along With The Body:

(Annihilation)

4. Did Not Believe In Angels Or Demons:

There are logical explanations for all things. **Acts 23:8**

5. Did Not Believe In Miracles:

They were the equivalent to what we know of today as **"Rationalists"**

came to Jesus and questioned Him,

Not coming in sincerity but in trickery.

Matthew 22:24

Sadducees are referring to **Deuteronomy 25:5-10** called (Lev-er-et) "*Levirate Marriage*." This was God's plan: that a family line could be preserved, and the property would remain in the family.

Genesis 38:6-18; Ruth 4:1-13 with Boaz and Ruth.

During the time of Jesus, it was no longer practiced, so it was just some jibber-jabber talk.

Matthew 22:25-27

Possibly borrowed from the **Apocryphal Book "Tobit"**

Matthew 22:28 resurrection, whose wife of the seven will she be?

For they all had married her." They thought that after death, all would continue as before, thus making this woman and men guilty of incest.

We need to stay in the field of Scripture, not in the jungle of confusion.

2. Verses 29-33 Resurrection & Divine Revelation:

Matthew 22:29 "You are mistaken

Latin (**err**) means "*to wander astray*"

(our word planet, wandering stars, **Jude 1:13**)

Two Point Description of Liberal Theology.

1. *Not A Clear Understanding Of The Scriptures* - (The truth of Scripture)
not understanding the Scriptures,
(Failure to understand God and His Plan)

The Sadducees problem was not with the doctrine of the resurrection (They Thought), but the real problem was their ignorance of Scripture!

2. *Not A Clear Understanding Of God's Power* - (God's Nature)
nor the power of God.
Notice that **knowing comes before the power** of God!

Romans 1:4; Philippians 3:20-21

Luke 20:34 The Afterlife Is Not The Same Order As The Present Life:
"The sons of this age

This is the God given pattern until we leave and go to heaven.

marry and are given in marriage,
Jesus was affirming that Marriage is proper.

Matthew 22:30 "For in the resurrection they neither marry, nor are given in marriage; When a person dies, they will enter a different state.

The error of thinking of heaven in terms of earth, and of thinking of eternity in terms of time.

but are like angels in heaven.

(Comparison) He wasn't saying that we become angels, but that, **like** the angels in heaven, there is no need for propagation

1 Corinthians 15:43

Our relationships will be beyond wonderful, we are close now, in eternity we will experience unity and oneness in Jesus Christ!

Romans 6:5

Matthew 22:31 "But regarding the resurrection of the dead,
Confronts their disbelief in the resurrection.

have you not read what was spoken to you by God:
Jesus now asks them, "***Don't you read the Scriptures?***"

which was spoken to you by God
Note that the OT Law was God's spoken Word to us!

Mark's parallel passage –
Mark 12:26 "But regarding the fact that the dead rise again,

Matthew 22:32

Matthew 22:24 saying, "Teacher, Moses said,
Skeptics started by referencing what Moses said. Now, Jesus quotes from Moses to prove life after death. **Exodus 3:6**

This passage teaches two great truths regarding life after death:

- 1. When We Die, We Don't Leave Our Relationship With God. Our Relationship With God Deepens**
- 2. After Death, We Retain Our Personal Identity Just Like Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob**

The God of - "The Living God Must Be The God Of Living Men."

Matthew 22:33 astonished at His teaching.
Say, "It blew their minds."

Matthew 22:34 He had put the Sadducees to Silence – literally "muzzled"

Application: (Resurrection Proves Jesus Is God, Sin Paid In Full)

- 1. All People Are Born Sinners, Separated From God: Romans 3:23**
- 2. Our Sin Has Earned Us, Death. Romans 6:23**
- 3. Jesus Loves Us and Paid For Our Sins. Romans 5:8**
- 4. Salvation Comes Through Confession and Faith In Jesus Christ. Romans 10:9-10**