

DISCIPLE'S QUEST

*If you continue in My word, then you are
truly disciples of Mine.*

John 8:31



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The God of the Living

Matthew 22:23 - 33

Main Idea:

Jesus silences the unbelieving Sadducees by proving the reality of the resurrection and life after death from a text they were not prepared for. The occasion undoubtedly hardened the Sadducees' opposition to Jesus, aligning them even more closely with the Pharisees and scribes.

Outline

The Inquisitors

The Inquiry

Their Ignorance

The Lord's Instruction

Questions for further contemplation and application after the message:

#1 How did the Pharisees and Sadducees differ?

What motivated the Sadducees to join the Pharisees in more actively trying to destroy Jesus?

#2 Jesus judged the Sadducees as understanding neither the Scriptures nor the power of God. What was the reason for their ignorance?

#3 Pastor Vaughn said that the Sadducees' choice to serve themselves in this life instead of serving God motivated their choice to deny life after death, because they didn't want to have to face God as their judge.

Do you agree? Why or why not?

How should the Christian's own future resurrection and appearance before the judgement seat of Christ (2 Cor 5:10) affect the way he lives in this life?

#4 Read Genesis 22:1-14 and Hebrews 11:17- 19. Did Abraham believe in God's power to raise the dead to life?

Select helpful resources:

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