

Luke 20 Pt 2 and 21 Pt 1

Shut down tricks with Truth

- **Showdown Continues...**

1. Pharisees Challenge: Authority of Jesus
2. **Sadducees Challenge:** Doctrine of Jesus/Resurrection

Titus 3:9 ...avoid foolish disputes, genealogies, contentions, and strivings about the law; for they are **unprofitable and useless**. 10 Reject a divisive man after the first and second admonition, 11 knowing that such a person is warped and sinning, being self-condemned.

1 Timothy 1:4 [Don't] **give heed to fables** and endless genealogies, which **cause disputes** rather than **godly edification** which is in faith.

2 Timothy 2:23 ...avoid foolish/ ignorant disputes, knowing that they **generate strife**.

When doctrine is questioned should we Engage or not Engage?

Ask ourselves: Will engaging with this person/group bear fruit unto God and advance His Kingdom or waste everyone's time at best and worse bring division/unbelief to the hearers? Are they teachable or just waiting for us to stop talking so they can fix us? **Or... do they need a good rebuke as in the case of the Sadducees?**

IV. Sadducees Challenge

27 Then some of the Sadducees, who **deny** that there is a resurrection, came to Him

- **Sadducees:** Members of **Sanhedrin** Jewish High Court
- **Sanhedrin: 70 Men** plus **High Priest...** **71** Total

1. **35 Religious Conservatives** Pharisees
2. **35 Religious Liberals** Sadducees

- **Sadducees:** Claimed to believe in God **but...**
 1. **Denied the Resurrection:** No heaven/No hell
 2. **Denied the Spiritual Realm:** No Angels/Demons
 3. **Denied the Scripture** except first Five Books of Moses [Pentateuch]

Post-Resurrection: Sadducees will be the **main persecutors of the church**
Come to Jesus with a Riddle...

27b... They asked [Jesus], 28 saying: "Teacher, **Moses wrote** to us that if a man's brother dies, having a wife, and he dies without children, **his brother should take his wife** and raise up offspring for his brother. 29 Now there were **seven brothers**. And the first took a wife, and died without children. 30 And the second took her as wife, and he died childless. 31 Then the third took her, and in like manner the seven also; and they left no children, and died. 32 Last of all the woman died also. 33 Therefore, **in the resurrection, whose wife does she become? For all seven had her as wife."**

- **NOTE: Unbelieving Hypocrites tend to ask Absurd Questions**

1. **How** many angels can dance on head of pin?
2. **Can** God make a rock so heavy even He can't lift it?
3. **Did** Adam have a belly-button?
4. **Who** did Cain marry?

Q. Which of the deceased 7 bros is now married to the one wife in Heaven?
IOWs Those who deny afterlife...ask about the afterlife

- **Why?**

1. **Trap Him** ...in His Doctrine
2. **Undermine Him** ...as a Teacher
3. **Lure from Him** ...from His Disciples

34 Jesus answered and said to them, "The sons of **this age** marry and are given in marriage. 35 But those who are counted worthy to attain **that age**, and the resurrection from the dead, **neither marry** nor are given in marriage; 36 **nor can they die anymore**, for they are **equal to the angels** and are sons of God, being **sons of the resurrection**."

- **This Age** Earthly Bodies Marry/Procreate Die
- **That Age** Celestial Bodies No Marriage/Procreation Never Die

We are both Sons of the God/Sons of the Resurrection
Jesus was the first fruit to rise...followed by all those in Christ

- **Answer:** There is an afterlife w/no marriage. Question moot. BTW Angels are real v36

FYI Moses confirmed the afterlife...

37 But even **Moses showed** in the burning bush passage that the dead are raised, when [Moses] called the Lord '**the God** [present tense] of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.'

- By the time of Burning Bush Abe/Isaac/Jacob all died. Yet...
- Moses speaks of their relationship w/God in **Present Tense**

IOWs: Though dead w/regard to this age...

- **God is presently** ...the God of Abraham
- **God is presently** ...the God of Isaac
- **God is presently** ...the of Jacob

A living God is the God of living men/Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob are still alive. [Spurgeon]

38 For **He is not the God of the dead but of the living**, for all **live to Him**."

Their Presumptuous Question asked Disingenuously...Backfires
Jesus quotes their hero Moses then rebukes them...

Matthew 22:29 [Parallel] Jesus answered and said to them, "**You are mistaken** [lit. deceived], **not knowing the Scriptures nor the power of God ...33** And when the multitudes heard this, they were astonished at His teaching.

You are Mistaken/Believers never die...
Close their eyes to this age/Open them in the next...

John 11:25 [Jesus to Martha] "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, **though he may die, he shall live.** 26 And whoever lives and believes in Me **shall never die.**

- **Truth exposes deceit** as **Light exposes darkness**

Jesus Quotes Moses putting the Sadducees in their place
You're deceived...You don't know Scripture or the Power of God

- Lesson: If we don't humble ourselves we will be humiliated
- **Two Challenges to Jesus Authority Down:** Pharisees/Sadducees...one to go

V. Scribes Challenge

Matthew 22:34 ...when the Pharisees heard that **He had silenced the Sadducees**, they **gathered together.**

- Pharisees send **best smarty pants religious BGG to Jesus**
- **Scribes** test Jesus knowledge of the Book He Himself wrote...

Mark 12:28 Then one of the **scribes** came, and having heard them reasoning together, perceiving that He had answered them well, asked Him, "**Which is the first commandment of all?**" 29 Jesus answered him, "The first of all the commandments is: ('Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is one. 30 And **you shall love the Lord** your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.' This is the first commandment. 31 And the second, like it, is this: '**You shall love your neighbor** as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these." 32 So the scribe said to Him, "Well said, Teacher. You have spoken the truth, for there is one God, and there is no other but He. 33 And to love Him with all the heart, with all the understanding, with all the soul, and with all the strength, and to love one's neighbor as oneself, is more than all the whole burnt offerings and sacrifices." 34 Now when **Jesus saw that he answered wisely**, He said to him, "**You are not far from the kingdom of God.**"

- **Not far from the Kingdom of God?** 3 Feet from the King physically. Eternity away spiritually

39 Then **some of the scribes** answered and said, "Teacher, You have spoken well." 40 But after that they dared not question Him anymore.

Salvation is ever found in an intellectual pursuit of knowledge
But from a Spirit initiated desire for change leading to repentance and New Life

Self-Deceived: Many know the Word of God and not the God of the Word

VI. Jesus Challenges the Scribes

Now Let Me ask you a Bible Trivia Question...

Luke 2:40 ...the **Child** [Jesus] **grew and became strong in spirit, filled with wisdom; and the grace of God was upon Him.** 41 His parents went to Jerusalem every year at the Feast of the Passover. 42 And when **He was twelve years old**, they went up to Jerusalem according to the custom of the feast ...**45** So when they did not find Him, they returned to Jerusalem, seeking Him. 46 Now so it was that after three days they **found Him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the teachers, both listening to them and asking them questions.** 47 And all who heard Him were astonished at His understanding and answers.

- Just like old times...

41 And [Jesus] said to them [Scribes] , "How can they say that the Christ is the Son of David? 42 Now David himself said in the Book of Psalms: 'The Lord said to my Lord, "Sit at My right hand, 43 Till I make Your enemies Your footstool.'" 44 Therefore [since] **David calls Him 'Lord'; how is He then his Son?"**

- **Like riddles?** Here's a riddle...

How can the Messiah exist **before David** as ***David's Lord/Elder***
And **after David** as ***David's Son?***

Revelation 22:16b... [Context Jesus] **I am the Root and the Offspring of David...**

- Lit. Jesus is Before and After David
- **Jesus existed before John the Baptist**

John 1:15 John [said of Jesus] 'He who comes after me is preferred before me, for **He was before me.**'"

J the B: 6 Months Older than Jesus says Jesus was before him

- Jesus is before J the B
- Jesus is before David
- **Jesus is before Abraham**

John 8:56 Your father Abraham **rejoiced to see My day**, and he saw it and was glad." 57 Then the Jews said to Him, "You are not yet fifty years old, and have You seen Abraham?" 58 Jesus said to them, "Most assuredly, I say to you, **before Abraham was, I AM.**"

Q. How Can David Call the Messiah both Lord and Son?
A. Because the Savior is Eternal

John 8:58 "... before Abraham was, **I AM.**"

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| ▪ Jesus is before J the B | circa first century AD |
| ▪ Jesus is before David | circa 1000 BC |
| ▪ Jesus is before Abraham | circa 2000 BC |
| ▪ Jesus is before Adan/Eve | circa 6000 BC |
| ▪ Jesus is before all... | circa eternity past/future |

Isaiah 9:6 For unto us a Child is born [Humanity], Unto us a Son is given [Deity] ...And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, **Everlasting** Father, Prince of Peace.

Colossians 1:17 And He is **before all things**, and in Him all things consist.

1 John 1:1 [Jesus] That which was **from the beginning...**

Revelation 1:17 ...when I saw Him, I fell at His feet as dead. But He laid His right hand on me, saying to me, "Do not be afraid; **I am the First and the Last.** 18 I am He who lives, and was dead, and behold, **I am alive forevermore.**

Hebrews 7:16 [Jesus is a priest]... according to the power of an **endless life.**

Hebrews 13:8 Jesus Christ is the same **yesterday, today, and forever.**

Hebrews 7:24 [Jesus] ...**continues forever, holds His priesthood permanently.**

Micah 5:2b... [His] ...goings forth are from of old, **From everlasting."**

Scribes/Pharisees thought they were clever, yet...
Got the most important question dead wrong...Who do you say that I AM?

Jesus is the Eternal God Almighty... Always was and will be. Never was not.

VI. Beware of the Scribes Smarty Pants/BGG's/Pseudo-Intellectual Snobs
45 Then, in the hearing of all the people, He said to His disciples, 46 "Beware of the **scribes**, who desire to go around in long robes, love greetings in the marketplaces, the best seats in the synagogues, and the best places at feasts, 47 who devour widows' houses, and for a pretense make long prayers.

- **Beware** of self-serving religious hypocrites:

1. ***Don't listen to them***
2. ***Don't look up to them***

Those with lots of information/No sign of New Life/New Heart
Devoid of Humility/Love/Patience/Kindness/Selflessness/Godliness

- **They Say do** but don't do themselves....

47b "...These will receive greater condemnation."

Luke 21 Pt 1

Obliterate Compromise

I. Two Mites

1 And **He looked up** and **saw the rich** putting their **gifts into the treasury**,
2 and **He saw also a certain poor widow putting in two mites.** 3 So [Jesus] said, "Truly I say to you that this poor widow has put in more than all;

4 for all these out of their abundance have put in offerings for God, but she out of her poverty put in all the livelihood that she had."

- **Widow:** One whom the Pharisees devoured?

How difficult to approach God after a religious person takes advantage of us
Remember they are not God but God is God and will deal with them. She knew this

- **Scene:** People giving to Temple treasury
 1. **Rich** out of abundance **gave little**
 2. **Widow** out of Poverty **gives all**

Value is determined by the **cost to the giver** [Guzik]

- David offered land to build Temple/declined

2 Samuel 24:24 Then [King David] said to Araunah, "No, but **I will surely buy it from you** for a price [I will not] offer burnt offerings to the Lord my God with that which costs me nothing.

- **IOWs** I will give till it hurts a little...
 1. **Time** Family/friends and those in need. No such thing as my time
 2. **Talent** Gifts God has given us to be used to bless others
 3. **Love** Reciprocate the mercy He has shown us
 4. **Forgiveness** Freely given so we freely give
- Blow people's minds with Grace; i.e. undeserved kindness

2 Corinthians 9:5b... [Give in a manner] of generosity and **not as a grudging obligation**.
6 But this I say: He who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. 7 So let each one give as he purposes in his heart, **not grudgingly** or of necessity; for **God loves a cheerful giver**.