Southside Baptist Church
Wednesday Night Worship – 10-21-26
Matthew Chapter 22 Part 5
The Resurrection Question

1.Introduction:
  a.Taking a look back:
    1)We finished looking at the Romans 13 passage last week.
    2)We know that God established a form of government back in Genesis 9:6.
      a)I Peter 2:13-14 encourages believers to be subject to human institutions.
    3)We began to explore what Jesus meant when He told them to render, “unto God the things that are God’s.”
      a)We are made in God’s image.
      b)Mankind is indebted to God for giving them life.
      c)I asked several questions to help us better understand what we are to give back to God.
    4)It is important to understand here that to “render back to God” is not a repayment for your salvation.
  b.Taking a look ahead:
    1)We want to review again the response of the Pharisees and Herodians.
    2)Take a close look at the Sadducees next question about the resurrection.
2.They marveled, but then just walked away. Matthew 22:22
  a.Jesus’ answer left them amazed.
    1)They tried but they could not entangle Jesus. Luke 20:26
3.The Sadducees ask about the resurrection. Matthew 22:23-33
  a.Let’s consider their question first. Verses 23-28
    1)Where did this question come from?
      a)Deuteronomy 25:5-10 –
      b)The purpose is to protect the family lineage and inheritance.
  b.Verse 5 –
    1)This actually begins with the laws related to military service.
      a)Deut. 20:7 –
    2)God places a high value on marriage.
      a)This is the background for Deut. 25:5.
  c.Observations:
    1)“If brethren dwell together” – speaks of them living near each other.
    2)“and have no child” – if they had children, there would be no need for a second marriage.
      a)Leviticus 18 –
      b)Deut. 25:5-6 –
    3)Why is this so?
      a)The purpose of the levirate marriage was to ensure that the deceased brother’s name and inheritance would continue through an heir born to his widow by the surviving brother.
4.They were trying to trap Jesus with this story.
  a.Verses 23-28 –
    1)They present to Jesus seven brothers who have married. Ironically, all of them died, and all of them were involved in fulfilling the requirements of the levirate marriage.
      a)They now ask Jesus a question about something they reject.
  b.Verse 29 –
    1)“You do err” –
      a)They do not know the Word of God or the power of God.

2)Learn a lesson from the Sadducees.
c.Verse 30 –
1)“For in the resurrection “ –
a)“they neither marry, nor are given in marriage.”
2)Isn’t marriage spoken of in heaven?
a)Believers are collectively described as the Bride of Christ.
b)II Cor. 11:2 –
d.Verse 31 –
1)Jesus moves to the more important matter concerning their theology.
e.Verse 32 –
1)This is a great response.
2)This statement comes from Exodus 3:6.
3)God is the God of the living and not the dead.
f.Verse 33 –
1)Those listening are once again amazed by what Jesus said.
5.Believers should avoid being like the Sadducees.
a.Jesus said a very important statement to them.
1)“Ye do err, not knowing the scriptures, nor the power of God. Matthew 22:29
b.Avoiding their mistake would include:
1)Stop avoiding, ignoring or brushing aside passages that challenge our preferred beliefs.
a)II Timothy 3:16-17 –
2)Stop reading and studying the Bible through the lens of our assumptions instead of letting it correct them.
a)Matthew 22:30-32 –
3)Stop trying to debate the Bible or prove a point without first understanding the context or purpose of the verse or passage you are using.
a)Matthew 22:23-29
4)Stop limiting God’s power to what seems understandable to you.
a)Matthew 22:29, 31-32 –
5)Stop saying all the right things while refusing to respond to God in faith and obedience.
a)II Timothy 3:16-17 –
c.Here are a few things to ask yourself when you study the Word.
1)Am I believing this because Scripture teaches it, or because I have always assumed it was true?
2)Have I rightly divided the verse in context, or am I relying on what it says in isolation?
3)Am I open to God redirecting my mind when the Word corrects me?
4)Do I limit what God can do when I cannot understand how He would do it?
5)When I study the Bible, am I seeking to find out what God has said or to support what I already believe?
d.Warnings from this story
1)Two failures to avoid:
a)When we misunderstand Scripture, we may underestimate God.
b)When we underestimate God, we may reinterpret Scripture to fit the limits we have placed on Him.
e.Final question
1)If Jesus examined the beliefs you hold dear, would He find that they are grounded in Scripture or that you have unknowingly built some of them on personal assumptions?