

Do Not Be Mistaken

Matthew 22:23-33

Introduction:

- Spot the error - Joe thought the elephant was pink, but he was mistaken.
- Who wants to be mistaken?
 1. We can live with some mistakes but we do not want to be mistaken about God, life choices, and everyday living.
 2. In today's lesson Jesus points out the error of the Sadducees that caused them to be mistaken about God and life. Let's learn from their error and heed the words of Jesus.

Understand the Scriptures

- Who were the Sadducees? (v. 23)
 1. They were part of the ruling class of the Jews.
 2. They believed that only the first _____ books of the Old Testament were inspired by God.
 3. Except for _____, they did not believe angels, demons, or the spirits of dead people to exist.
 4. They believed that d_____ was the final state of a person, a state of nothingness.
- The Sadducees ask Jesus to apply the law of Deut 25:5 to a hypothetical situation (vv. 24-28)
 1. The Law – If a man marries a woman and dies leaving her childless, the c_____ relative must marry the woman and raise up children from her.
 2. The hypothetical situation – A man has _____ brothers. He marries a woman and dies, leaving her childless. One brother marries the woman but also dies leaving her childless. This happens to all the brothers.
 3. The question - Whose wife will she be in the r_____?
 4. The hopes of the Sadducees was to s_____ Jesus and to show that the resurrection of the dead was ridiculous.
- Jesus's first answer – you are mistaken, not understanding the Scriptures (vv. 29, 30)
 1. In the resurrection life, there will not be any m_____.
 2. But people will be like the a_____.
 - a. This does not mean that we will have wings or will not have any g_____.
 - b. The comparison must be restricted to marriage. (compare to this statement, *I can run, but I am like a snail*. The comparison must be restricted to s_____.)
- Application
 1. We are not to be like the Sadducees and pick and choose what we think is Scripture.
 - a. Luke 24:44,45 shows that Jesus believed the e_____ Old Testament to be Scripture.
 - b. John 10:35 – Jesus stated that Scripture, God's word, cannot be b_____ (i.e. it is all true).
 - c. The New Testament is the f_____ of the Old.
 - 1) Jesus came to fulfill, not to a_____ the Law and the Prophets (Matt 5:17).
 - 2) Jesus said that His word would set people f_____ (John 8:31,32).
 - 3) Jesus said that the H_____ would bring to the apostles' mind His teachings (John 14:26).
 - 4) The teachings of Jesus's apostles and prophets are Jesus's preserved word to the c_____ (Eph 2:20)
 2. Steps to understanding the Scriptures
 - a. R_____ it and accept all of it as truth.
 - b. P_____ for understanding as you read, study, and discuss God's word with others.
 - c. A_____ upon God's word (Matt 4:4; Ps 119:11)

Understand the Power of God

- Jesus's second answer – you are mistaken...not understanding the p_____ of God.
 1. Jesus quotes Exodus 3:6 where God tells Moses, *I _____ the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.*
 - a. If Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob were in a state of nothingness, He would have said, *I _____ the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.*
 - b. Therefore, they must be in some state of existence. Their s_____ must be alive.
 2. God has the power to raise people from the dead and He will!

- Application
 1. "Science" mocks the creation account in Genesis 1 because it does not understand the power of God.
 - a. Science
 - 1) The s_____ is the source which sustains all life
 - 2) P_____ were created on the third day, but the sun was not created until the fourth day, a scientific impossibility
 - b. The power of God
 - 1) God created l_____ on the first day (v. 2) and separated the light from the darkness. What held this light in place? –
 - 2) God created light b_____ (Hebrew word) on the fourth day (v. 14) to separate the light from the darkness. God transferred His power to these light bearers: the sun, moon, and stars.
 2. Some challenge the reality that God is all-powerful because they do not understand that power.
 - a. Challengers – if God is all-powerful why does He not put a stop to e_____?
 - b. The Scriptural truth
 - 1) Rom 8:28 - God works all things out for the g_____ of those who love Him (that includes evil things)
 - 2) Rev 21:1-8 – God will c_____ a new world for believers to live on where evil will never exist.
 - 3) God ____ stop all evil. And He will, just not today (or until He has completed His plan to save people from every ethnicity – Matt 24:14)

Conclusion:

Those who mock God are mistaken.
They don't understand His word.
Holy Scriptures they've forsaken,
And they cling to the absurd.

Those who doubt God are mistaken.
They don't understand His power.
By evil's presence He's unshaken,
And one day all evil will cower.

Don't join those who are mistaken.
Upon God's word firmly stand.
Let His power in you awaken,
And rest in His mighty hand.