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**Jesus Silences His Critics Part 2**

Matthew 22:23-33

**Key Truth:** The assurance of the resurrection should affect how we live and respond to Jesus Christ.

**The Sadducees:**

1. They had a limited view of Scripture therefore, they had a

 limited view of God.

2. They believed that there was no such thing as an afterlife, so

 they believed in living a life of luxury.

3. They had already rejected Jesus; they were just looking for a

 way to discredit Him.

**Jesus Corrects Their Bad Theology:**

1. Jesus informs them they are Scripturally ignorant.

2. They were unaware of the power of God.

3. In the resurrection, there will be only one relationship that

 will matter.

4. For the Christian death isn’t final, it just moves us into a

 greater dimension of reality.

**What We Learn:**

1. What you believe about the Bible, will determine, what you

 believe about God.

2. What you believe about God will determine how you live in

 this life.

3. We cannot pick and choose the parts of Bible we like and

 discard those in which we don’t.

4. We must resist the urge to create heaven in our own image

 and for our own glory.

**Taking It Beyond The Walls:** Thank Jesus for the power of the resurrection. As Christians, let’s live like we have been raised with Him to live life for His glory.

**Connection Group Homework:**

Looking back at your notes, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?

What images, ideas or mental pictures did you have of heaven when you were in grade school?

In what ways has your image of heaven changed over the years?

What are some ways religious people today, even us, make mistakes because we do not know the Scriptures? Because we underestimate the power of God?

What did Jesus teach about life after death (Matthew 22:30)?

Read Matthew 22: 31-32. How did Jesus then “prove” the resurrection?

Read Romans 6:8-14. What was Paul’s basis (and ours) for believing we will live with Christ?

Read Philippians 3:8-11: What effect does the resurrection have on you today? What difference does it make in your daily life?

How can you use the resurrection as a discussion point when you share your faith with others? Explain.

Do you look forward to eternity? If not, what does this reflect about your faith?