

Know Scripture & Know Your God (Jesus)

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Another Attack

- Jesus entered Jerusalem on Sunday^{Mk11}
- Jesus overturned tables on Monday^{Mk11:12}
- Jesus authority challenged on Tuesday^{Mk11:20,28}
- Jesus challenged regarding taxes^{Mk12:13} (political)

The Saducees:

- Editorial comment^{Mk12:18} don't believe a resurrection
- Saducees only believed Torah - 1st 5 books

The Trick Question

- They pose a *reductio ad absurdum* question^{Mk12:19-23}
- Law from Dt 25:5-10 - makes resurrection absurd
- Note how their logic was used to deny God's Word

Outmatched by Jesus

- Jesus doesn't play their game –just says you're wrong!
- Don't know the Scriptures
- Don't know the Power of God

Importance of Knowing Scriptures

- Good theology starts with God's Word as basis for truth
- Saducees had decided to not use all of God's word... like Liberals of today who decide what is God's Word
- Scripture must be our authority!
- Scripture must be seen as inspired Word of God!
- Contrast how much time you spend with God's Word vs. TV, books, magazines, sermons, etc... Beware!

Importance of Knowing the Power of God

- Saducees denied God's power - resurrection
- Beware of claiming to think you know God's power
- Don't make promises that God has not promised!
- "Can God?" is not the same as "Will God?"^{2Tim3:1-5}
- Saducees made themselves decider of truth, not Word

Jesus rightly Used Scriptures

- Just like in temptations^{Mk1:12;Mt4:4}
- God is covenant god of Abraham, Isaac, Jacob^{Ex3:6}

So What?

- Know your Bible!
- Know the Power of God! Not who you think...
- Don't be afraid to speak truth^{1Pt3:14-16}
- Remember your faith is in Jesus & His completed work, you will never measure up, Jesus does!

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