The Astonishing Teachings Of Jesus

Matthew 22:23-33

Intro:

A. The Pharisees tried to entangle Jesus.
   1. They sent their disciples and the Herodians to ask Jesus questions. V.16
   2. They had taken council to formulate this plan. V.15
   3. These people flattered Him. V.16b
   4. They asked Him a specific question. V.17

B. Jesus thwarted their plans.
   1. He took tribute money as a basis of His reply to them. V.19
   2. He asked them questions. V.20
   3. He answered their questions. V.21
   4. They marveled at His answer. V.22

C. Another group came to question Him.
   1. “The same day came to him the Sadducees”
   2. “...which say, that, there is no resurrection.”

I. The Question The Sadducees Asked Him.

A. They quote the writing of Moses.
   1. “Master, Moses said...” v.24
   2. Deuteronomy 25:5-6

B. They propose a preposterous situation.
   1. vs.25-27
   2. The question. V.28
   3. These men did not believe in the resurrection. Believing in a resurrection presents thousands of issues far too complicated to be solved. God could never sort out all of the problems.

II. The Answer Jesus Gave Them.

A. Two things caused them to be wrong.
   1. err = πλαναω = “to make to wander.” V.29
   2. “...not knowing the scriptures...”
   3. knowing = οιδα = “to have perceived”
   4. “...nor the power of God.”
5. power = δύναμις = "ability to perform anything."

B. The wife part explained.
   1. "...in the resurrection they neither marry, nor are given in marriage..." v.30
   2. "Men do not marry and women are not given in marriage..." - Mon
   3. "...but are as the angels of God in heaven."
   4. In the resurrection there will be no marriage ceremonies. We will be as the angels of heaven totally dedicated to God’s service. Also they didn’t comprehend the power of God for He can untangle any mess men can make!

C. The resurrection is a fact!
   1. as touching = "around and separate from". V.31
   2. As a separate matter let me tell you...
   3. Exodus 3:6 V.32
   4. When God spoke to Moses were the three patriarchs in a state of non-existence? God isn’t the God of those who don’t exist.

D. The reaction of the people. V.33
   1. astonished = ἐκπλησσόμαι = "to be driven out of one’s senses by a sudden shock."
   2. doctrine = διδαχὴ = "think taught"