

## Introduction:

If we don't know the scriptures, then our theology will not match up with the reality of God. This week we see how the Sadducees tried to outwit Christ in regards to the resurrection. You can find this week's sermon notes [here](#)<sup>1</sup> and listen to the sermon by clicking [here](#).<sup>2</sup>

## Scripture:

Please turn to Mark 12:18-27 in your Bible [or click here](#).

## So What?

The Sadducees asked Jesus a question concerning marriage and the resurrection. The problem is that they were not interested in his answer, they simply wanted to make a fool out of him. They did not believe in the resurrection, and thought that they could prove it was a false and foolish doctrine by asking Christ a difficult question. But our Lord is no fool! He saw through their hypocritical attempts at tricking him and corrected their faulty ideas saying to them, "Is this not the reason you are wrong, because you know neither the Scriptures nor the power of God?" In addressing their lack of belief in the power of God, Jesus explains that there will not be marriage in heaven. The afterlife is more than just a continuation of life on earth. Resurrection life will be different from earthly life. The Sadducees rejected most of the Old testament, and therefore they had a skewed view of both God and his power. We must not make the same mistake. If we are to understand the scriptures and the power of God we must strive to know what scripture says, accept it's claims, and believe what it says about God.

## What Now?

1. In Mark 12:23 the Sadducees asked Jesus a question about the resurrection and the afterlife, but they had no intention of hearing his answer. They had already made up their minds about the "the facts" and were simply trying to prove their own concept of reality. We must not read the Bible in order to prove what we believe, but instead we must believe what we read from the Bible. This comes from careful and repeated study of the scriptures and a willingness to change our minds when scripture disagrees with our idea of how things work.
2. Here are some various resources to aid you in learning the scriptures, but remember, we must turn first of all turn to the Bible itself. Don't just read about the Bible, Read the Bible itself.
  1. **Bible reading plans:** <http://www.biblestudytools.com/bible-reading-plan/>, or <https://www.blueletterbible.org/dailyreading/>
  2. **Sunday school:** We have many great classes. We want to see you here. Join us Sundays.
  3. **Dimensions of the Faith:** Free online courses by Gordon Conwell Theological Seminary, including Biblical Interpretation; Theology; Old and New Testament surveys; and more. <http://my.gordonconwell.edu/dimensions/>
  4. **Our Daily Bread Christian University:** Over 100 courses are available with no cost or obligation. <http://christianuniversity.org/free-courses/>
  5. **Books:** Systematic Theology: An Introduction to Biblical Doctrine by Wayne Grudem ISBN: 978-0310286707; How to Read the Bible for All Its Worth: by Fee & Stuart Fourth Edition ISBN: 978-0310517825

**"We must seek to understand the full meaning of the Scriptures and believe in the power of God."**

<sup>1</sup> <https://wheelsms.wordpress.com/2015/11/15/is-there-life-after-death/>

<sup>2</sup> [firstcentralbaptist.com/sermons/gospelofmark.html](http://firstcentralbaptist.com/sermons/gospelofmark.html)



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