

MATTHEW 22 vs 23

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23 The same day the Sadducees came to Him,

the Sadducees = the Zadok-ites. Zadok was the faithful high priest at the time of King David, 1000 years earlier – the descendants of their father Zadok had become privileged elites; a priestly aristocracy. They were not resentful of gentile influence. And they felt fairly secure under the Roman status quo. This is the only direct encounter this group had with Jesus... recorded in scripture. And they came... **saying,**

You know... there is no resurrection, and asked Him,

24 Also saying, Master / Hey Einstein!

Moses said, If a man dies and has no children, his brother will marry his wife, and raise up offspring to his brother.

25 Now let's say...there were seven brothers with us: and the first married and died, and having no offspring, left his wife to his brother:

26 likewise the second, and the third, to the seventh.

27 And last of all, the woman died / That's gotta be a tough one for Jesus, but maybe not! This story actually appears to be illustrative, and not historical.

28 So in the resurrection whose wife will she be of the seven? for they all had her / and the Zadok-ites hoped to discredit the pharisaical belief, which is why they asked.

29 Jesus answered / sizing up the situation, **and said to them, You all err, not knowing the scriptures, nor the power of God /** your thinking is incorrect... and your knowledge base is inadequate.

30 For in the resurrection they do not marry, nor are they given in marriage, but are like the angels of God in heaven / how would Jesus know this? It's not taught at any university on earth.

31 But regarding the resurrection of the dead, have you all not read what God said to you? What do all you brilliant scholars do with all your time? Haven't you read what God told us? Here, Jesus tells all of us, God's Word is for individuals in all ages...

32 I AM the God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob / God could go on with billions of other names... but hopefully, we get His point!

Have you not read what God said to you? HE is not the God of the dead, but of the living / relationships with God continue. HE does **not** say, I **was** the God of Abraham, I **was** the God of Isaac, I **was** the God of Jacob.



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HE says... **I AM!**

³³ **And when the multitude heard this, they were astonished at His doctrine** / at His teaching. This was taught at NO school in all Judea... in all Galilee... in all Jerusalem. So it begs the question: Where did Jesus learn this? Where?

³⁴ **But when the Pharisees heard that He had put the Sadducees to silence** / He shut them up!

 **they gathered together** / in the Septuagint... the Greek bible of Jesus' day, Psalm 2 says: **The rulers take counsel together**. Same word. The rulers were **gathered together**... against the Lord, and against His Anointed. **How** did king David know this event 1,000 years earlier? You know... you have to be a powerful person to have even your enemies... fulfill your will.

³⁵ **Then one of them, a lawyer, asked... tempting Him** / testing Jesus,

³⁶ **Master** / Einstein, **which is the great commandment in the law?**

³⁷ **He said unto him, Love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind** / we read the shema: **Hear O Israel, the Lord our God... the Lord is one** Deut 6, repeated twice daily in every Jewish home. And what is the next verse? **Yes!**

 ³⁸ **This is the great and first commandment.**

³⁹ **The second is like it, Love your neighbor as yourself.**

 ⁴⁰ **On these two commandments hang the law and the prophets.**

⁴¹ **While the Pharisees were gathered** / still to conspire against the Lord,

⁴² **Saying, What do you all think of Christ? Whose son is He? They said to Him, uhhh... of David!** Notice, they were afraid of Him, they said as little as possible.

⁴³ **He said to them, Then how does David in spirit call him Lord saying,**

 ⁴⁴ **The LORD said to my Lord, Sit at My right, until I put your enemy under your feet?**

 ⁴⁵ **If David calls him Lord, how is He his son?**

⁴⁶ **And no one was able to answer Him a word; from that day on, nobody dared to ask Him another question.**

Jesus silenced them.

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