

Matthew 22:29

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Jesus answered and said unto them, Ye do err, not knowing the scriptures, nor the power of God.

Analysis

Jesus' response 'Ye do err, not knowing the scriptures, nor the power of God' identifies two sources of theological error: scriptural ignorance and underestimating God's power. The Sadducees' question about resurrection (vv. 23-28) revealed both problems—they didn't understand Scripture's teaching on resurrection or God's power to accomplish it. Doctrinal error stems from biblical illiteracy and limiting God to human understanding. Truth requires both scriptural knowledge and faith in God's omnipotence.

Historical Context

The Sadducees rejected resurrection, afterlife, angels, and spirits—accepting only the Torah (first five books). Their hypothetical scenario about seven brothers marrying one woman (based on Deuteronomy 25:5-6) attempted to make resurrection seem absurd. Jesus refutes them by demonstrating their misunderstanding of Scripture and divine power.

Related Passages

John 15:13 — Greatest form of love

1 John 4:8 — God is love

Study Questions

1. How does biblical ignorance lead to wrong beliefs in your life?
2. In what areas do you limit God's power by your own understanding?

Interlinear Text

ἀποκριθεὶς	δὲ	ὁ	Ἰησοῦς	εἶπεν	αὐτοῖς	Πλανᾶσθε	μὴ
answered	and		Jesus	said	unto them	Ye do err	not
G611	G1161	G3588	G2424	G2036	G846	G4105	G3361
εἰδότες	τὰς	γραφὰς	μηδὲ	τὴν	δύναμιν	τοῦ	θεοῦ·
knowing		the scriptures	nor		the power		of God
G1492	G3588	G1124	G3366	G3588	G1411	G3588	G2316

Additional Cross-References

John 20:9 (Word): For as yet they knew not the scripture, that he must rise again from the dead.

Jeremiah 32:17 (References God): Ah Lord GOD! behold, thou hast made the heaven and the earth by thy great power and stretched out arm, and there is nothing too hard for thee:

Romans 15:4 (Word): For whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the scriptures might have hope.

Luke 1:37 (References God): For with God nothing shall be impossible.

Isaiah 26:19 (Parallel theme): Thy dead men shall live, together with my dead body shall they arise. Awake and sing, ye that dwell in dust: for thy dew is as the dew of herbs, and the earth shall cast out the dead.

Psalms 17:15 (Parallel theme): As for me, I will behold thy face in righteousness: I shall be satisfied, when I awake, with thy likeness.

Acts 26:8 (References God): Why should it be thought a thing incredible with you, that God should raise the dead?

Philippians 3:21 (Parallel theme): Who shall change our vile body, that it may be fashioned like unto his glorious body, according to the working whereby he is able even to subdue all things unto himself.

Isaiah 25:8 (References God): He will swallow up death in victory; and the Lord GOD will wipe away tears from off all faces; and the rebuke of his people shall he take away from off all the earth: for the LORD hath spoken it.

Genesis 18:14 (Parallel theme): Is any thing too hard for the LORD? At the time appointed I will return unto thee, according to the time of life, and Sarah shall have a son.