

**THE GREAT RELIGIOUS DEBATE
THE NEVER JESUS MOVEMENT**

Matthew 22:15-46

ROUND TWO – THE SADDUCEES TAKE ON JESUS

Matthew 22:23-33 = Continued from last Sunday

Introduction: We saw last week, the Sadducees tried to demonstrate the absurdity of the doctrine of the resurrection and the life to come. They do so by putting forth an hypothetical case based on the Mosaic Levirate Marriage Law of Deuteronomy 25:5-10, and insinuate that the whole notion of a resurrection would bring confusion and chaos if men and women were to live again after death. It should never surprise us when we meet with similar objections against the clear doctrines of Scripture – resurrection being one of the clearest. Hypothetical cases are a favorite of the unbelieving mind seeking to discredit Scripture. Like the Sadducees of old they “set up a shadow of its own imagining, and fight with it, as if it was a truth...and will fasten down on some one single difficulty, which it fancies is unanswerable. The talk and arguments of people of this character should never shake our faith for a moment.” (JC Ryle - *EXPOSITORY THOUGHTS ON MATTHEW*) It is not the things in the Bible that I don't understand that bother me – it is the things in the Bible that I do understand that bother me...they are the things that we must attend to, believe and obey – therein lies tremendous blessing.

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