

JESUS & THE BIBLE

Matthew 22:23-33

What I notice here is Jesus' handling of Scripture. The Saducees came to Jesus with a Scripture they thought supported their view that there was no resurrection. Jesus showed their incomplete understanding of the Scripture. They had overlooked one key piece of information that totally changed everything. Then Jesus brings forth another Scripture—one they were very familiar with, and bases His argument on one word—the tense of the verb—not past but present. He then shows how this supports the resurrection. No wonder the crowds were astonished at His teaching! Jesus treated the Scriptures as a very important thing worthy of study and faith in the tiniest detail.

Matthew 22: 41-46

In this case, Jesus uses another detail of Scripture—the reference to the word “Lord”—who is He referring to? To show that He is the Messiah. Jesus shows that every word and every reference to a word is important and trustworthy.