

"Learning from Skeptics and Jesus"

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What we learn observing Jesus and the Sadducees...

1. How to approach Jesus (God):

Luke 20:27-33 - ²⁷ Some of the Sadducees, who say there is no resurrection, came to Jesus with a question. ²⁸ "Teacher," they said, "Moses wrote for us that if a man's brother dies and leaves a wife but no children, the man must marry the widow and have children for his brother. ²⁹ Now there were seven brothers. The first one married a woman and died childless. ³⁰ The second ³¹ and then the third married her, and in the same way the seven died, leaving no children. ³² Finally, the woman died too. ³³ Now then, at the resurrection whose wife will she be, since the seven were married to her?"

Luke 20:37-38 - (Jesus said) ³⁷ in the account of the bush, even Moses showed that the dead rise, for he calls the Lord 'the God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.' ³⁸ He is not the God of the dead, but of the living, for to him all are alive."

Matt. 22:29 (NLT) - Jesus replied, "Your problem is that you don't know the Scriptures, and you don't know the power of God.

James 4:6 - God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble.

1 Corinthians 1:21 (NLT) - God in his wisdom saw to it that the world would never find him through human wisdom.

Luke 19:34-36 - ³⁴ Jesus replied, "The people of this age marry and are given in marriage. ³⁵ But those who are considered worthy of taking part in that age and in the resurrection from the dead will neither marry nor be given in marriage, ³⁶ and they can no longer die; for they are like the angels.

• Approach Him _____.

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"God is not interesting. He is deeply upsetting."
-- John Stott

2. Why should we trust Jesus?

• Because of _____.

Luke 19:34-36

John 3:13 - No one has ever gone into heaven except the one who came from heaven—the Son of Man.

• Because of _____.

Luke 20:40 - ... no one dared to ask (Jesus) any more questions.

Mark 1:27 - The people were so amazed... "This man is teaching something new, and with authority. (See also John 7:46)

• Because of _____.

Luke 20:36 – They are God's children, since they are children of the resurrection.

John 20:8-9 - ... (John), who had reached the tomb first, also went inside. He saw (the burial cloths of Jesus) and believed. ⁹ (They still did not understand from Scripture that Jesus had to rise from the dead.)

2 Corinthians 4:14 - we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus from the dead will also raise us with Jesus and present us with you in his presence.