

Studies in the Life of Christ

NT Survey Lesson 41--Matthew 22

Introduction: Matthew twenty-two is a chapter of controversy. It presents in unmistakable terms the growing animosity of Jesus enemies that led to his death. It sets forth the courageous conviction of Jesus in teaching the truth and appealing for repentance, though it would cost Him His life!

Lesson aim: To show how Jesus handled controversy.

Parable of the marriage feast--Matthew 22:1-14

1. What was the response of the people to the marriage of the king's son?
2. How did the king respond to the mistreatment of his slaves?
3. To whom was the invitation now extended?
4. What happened to the man without a wedding garment?
5. What is the point of this parable?

The Pharisees seek to trap Jesus--Matthew 22:15-22

1. What question did the Pharisees' disciples ask Jesus?
2. What was the motive for their question? Could Jesus know their hearts?
3. What was His answer?
4. How might we apply this principle today?

The Sadducees challenge Jesus--Matthew 22:23-33

1. Relate the hypothetical case the Sadducees presented to Jesus.

2. What did they think that case did to Jesus' teaching concerning the resurrection?
3. What mistake had the Sadducees made in their understanding of the resurrection?
4. What passage did Jesus use to show that the dead continue to exist after departing this life? What point did Jesus make from this passage?

A Lawyer tests Jesus--Matthew 22:34-40

1. What question did the lawyer ask?
2. What was Jesus' answer?
3. What is the ultimate proof of one's love for God?

Jesus asks a question of his own--Matthew 22:41-46

1. To what two passages about the Christ did Jesus refer in the Scriptures?
2. Do they conflict with each other? How could the Christ be David's son and David's lord?