



## THE GOSPEL OF MATTHEW

### Dealing with Trapping Questions on Marriage, Resurrection, and Love

Session Number: 34 | Week: 5 | Day: 6

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#### Bible Passage

Matthew 22:23-46

#### Introduction

In Matthew 22:23-46, we continue to explore the stumbling blocks that hinder making Christ known, particularly to those imprisoned by religion. This session focuses on the final week of Jesus' ministry on earth, where the religious leaders persist in inspecting Jesus for any spot or blemish by posing trapping questions in an attempt to find reasons to accuse Him. If the Lamb of God (Jesus) had any sin or spot, He could not be the perfect sacrifice for the people. Jesus successfully defeated their challenges on the topics of marriage, resurrection, and the greatest commandment of love. Additionally, He turned the tables by questioning them about the Messiah, once again proving His authority and wisdom.

#### Session Objectives

By the end of this session, you will have:

- Understood how to answer interrogative questions and how to ask our opponents questions by examining Jesus' tactical approach.

#### Session Outline

- **Interrogative questions to Jesus:** Testing your faith (checking for spots on your faith).
- **Jesus' view on marriage, resurrection, and love.**
- **Asking the right questions** to those interrogating your faith.
- **Who is the Messiah? Who do you say the Messiah is (Son of Man)?**

#### Connecting

- Study together in a group of two or more people.
- Begin with a prayer, asking God to bless your understanding.
- Read the passage at least twice using different Bible versions, then retell the story among your group members.
- Share the challenges and blessings from the previous day.

## Comprehending

What do the verses mean?

(In small groups, attempt the following questions. Focus on God's attitudes and the people's character/attributes.)

- What is a Kingdom or biblical marriage? How is it different from cultural or religious marriage?
- Read Matthew 22:23-30. List three truths about Kingdom or biblical marriage and cultural or religious marriage.
- Read Matthew 22:28-33. What is the resurrection of the dead? Write three truths Jesus revealed about the resurrection of the dead.
- Read Matthew 22:34-40. What question was Jesus trapped with? Who trapped Him? Why? How did Jesus answer this question? What lessons do you learn about trapped questions from our enemies and how to answer them?
- If you were allowed to ask your enemies a question, what would that question be?
- Read Matthew 22:41-46. What question did Jesus ask His enemies? How did He ask it? What three lessons do you learn about asking questions to your enemies?
- If questions were like arrows, and you and your enemies had equal arrows, how would you organise your arrows to remain a winner? The one who loses either surrenders or retreats.

## Committing

- Engage with the Bible—read, study, memorize, meditate, pray, listen, and live it out.
- List three lessons you learnt as an agent of change that you would practice and teach others about
- Take time and worship Jesus with the attributes revealed about Christ now.
- Engage SPACEPETS model, to do something after the session. Look for:
  - **Sin** to confess
  - **Promise** to claim
  - **Attitude** to change
  - **Command** to keep
  - **Error** to change
  - **Prayer** to make
  - **Example** to copy
  - **Truth** to obey and
  - **Something** praiseworthy

## Communicating

- Identify one person and share the lessons you learnt in this session?

- Visit or call a new believer and Pray with them over the issues they are struggling with. Issue of attending the church.
- Form another group and repeat this study.