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A Grave Mistake

Mark 12:18-27

Series: *Getting In on the Good News*
The Gospel of Jesus Christ According to Mark

Central Passage

Mark 12:24–27 (NIV) — **24** Jesus replied, "Are you not in error because you do not know the Scriptures or the power of God? **25** When the dead rise, they will neither marry nor be given in marriage; they will be like the angels in heaven. **26** Now about the dead rising—have you not read in the Book of Moses, in the account of the burning bush, how God said to him, 'I am the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob'? **27** He is not the God of the dead, but of the living. You are badly mistaken!"

Central Thought: We get in on the Good News when our worldview is shaped by the plan of God in the scriptures and specifically through the life and teaching of Jesus, and our confidence is anchored in the power of God demonstrated through the resurrection of Jesus.

Revelation vs. Discovery

- ❖ The most important questions of life are metaphysical and answered via faith and revelation, rather than by personal discovery.
 - *Metaphysics: the branch of philosophy that deals with the first principles of things, including abstract concepts such as being, knowing, substance, cause, identity, time, and space.*

- ❖ The overarching story presented in the Bible and specifically in the life of Christ, reveals a worldview that is in sharp contrast to other systems of belief, be they humanistic or religious.

A Clash of Worldviews

- ❖ The Sadducees imposed their preconceived religious worldview onto their study of the scriptures. (vs.18-23)
- ❖ Jesus uses their own bias to reveal the bigger realities of God's story. (vs. 24-27)

Conclusions and Applications

- ❖ Jesus is the interpretive key to scripture for all of us.

John 5:39–40 (NIV) — **39** You study the Scriptures diligently because you think that in them you have eternal life. **These are the very Scriptures that testify about me, 40** yet you refuse to come to me to have life.

1 Corinthians 1:22–24 (NIV) — **22** Jews demand signs and Greeks look for wisdom, **23** but we preach Christ crucified: a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, **24** but to those whom God has called, both Jews and Greeks, **Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.**

- ❖ God's power is our great hope.

Romans 1:16 (NIV) — **16** For I am not ashamed of the gospel, **because it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes: first to the Jew, then to the Gentile.**

- ❖ Our future is secure, wonderful, and yet, different from our current reality. (vs. 25)

1 John 3:2 (NIV) — **2** Dear friends, now we are children of God, and what we will be has not yet been made known. **But we know that when Christ appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is.**