

## Rejecting the Resurrection

MATTHEW 22:23-33

Come, and see the victories of the cross. Christ's wounds are thy healings, His agonies thy repose, His conflicts thy conquests, His groans thy songs, His pains thine ease, His shame thy glory, His death thy life, His sufferings thy salvation.

-Matthew Henry

### I. The Trial

## II. The Truth

### Into the Bible

1. The Sadducees attempt to corner Jesus by using a *reductio ad absurdum* argument. That means taking an argument to its logical conclusion which proves to be either contradictory or absurd. Instead, Jesus challenges them for not believing or understanding God's own statement in Exodus 3:6. How does his response make their question to him ridiculous? What key belief of theirs is he challenging?

## **Application**

2. Shortly before this exchange Jesus had raised Lazarus from the dead. His statement in that context (John 11:25) certainly makes sense in his dealings with the Sadducees here. Read I Corinthians 15:12-19. How important is the doctrine of the resurrection to our faith in God and in Christ's work on the cross? How should this affect our outlook on our own mortality?

## **For your Families**

3. Talk with your children (in age appropriate conversations) about death and the promise of heaven.

