

DO YOU AGREE WITH JESUS?

QUESTION: Does it matter what one believes?

Our society is one of pluralism and moral relativism. Many have “educated” themselves to the point that they no longer believe that absolute truth exists. Our society teaches us that you can believe what you want to believe, and I will believe what I want to believe, and we will both be right, because there is no such thing as absolute right or wrong. What matters is what is true to you, we are told. The idea of moral relativism leads us to believe that it is perfectly alright to hold conflicting religious views, and both be right, even when these views are diametrically opposed. Does it matter what one believes in religious matters, or can we just “agree to disagree?”

On one occasion, Jesus upbraided the warped views of the Sadducees and their lack of knowledge of the Scriptures when he said, “Ye do err, not knowing the scriptures, nor the power of God” (Matthew 22:29). Though they prided themselves in their knowledge of God’s word, the Sadducees, according to the Lord, had a mistaken view of the Scriptures. Imagine Jesus trying to say that in our day and time! The words of Jesus make it clear that it does matter how we view the Bible, and what we believe concerning the word of God. On another occasion, Jesus encouraged the religious leaders of his day to, “Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me” (John 5:29). It was imperative that they come to a proper understanding of Jesus as the Son of God if they desired salvation. Jesus also addressed the misuse of Scripture during his temptation at the hands of Satan. The devil attempted to get Jesus to cast himself off the pinnacle of the temple by quoting, “He shall give his angels charge concerning thee: and in their hands they shall bear thee up, lest at any time thou dash thy foot against a stone” (Matthew 4:6). Though the devil quoted Scripture, he misapplied it. Jesus lets Satan know that his misapplication of Scripture was an attempt to test God (Matthew 4:7). What we believe concerning Christ, the Bible, the church, salvation, etc., is important. Don’t let anyone tell you otherwise!

Do you have a question that you would like for us to consider together, or a comment regarding what has been written? If so, please

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