

# Ye Do Err, Not Knowing The Scriptures

by Linville Dunaway, Corinth Christian church

**Matthew 22:29,** "Jesus answered and said unto them, *Ye do err, not knowing the scriptures, nor the power of God.*"

The Sadducees came before the Lord with a question. There is little doubt that they had tried to make up a question that he couldn't answer. The basis for the question is found in Deuteronomy 25:5-6. The Sadducees made the number of brothers seven to increase the difficulty.

They showed their lack of faith and understanding of God. They asked a question about the wife and the seven brothers in regards to the resurrection when they didn't believe in the resurrection. The Lord told them of their error and that they didn't know the scriptures, not the power of God. They only believed part of the scriptures and so were willfully ignorant of much of the knowledge of God. The Sadducees and the Pharisees were like the different denominations, both claiming to follow God while

having their own interpretations of scripture.

Isn't that the same with many people today? They don't know the scriptures and so many refuse to read and study for themselves. God gave the bible to us for a purpose. It is so that we may know the will of God and how to live for him. Some read and know the parts that they like and have little, or no, interest in the rest of the scriptures. As someone once said, "If you take a verse here and there, you can make it say whatever you want."

No wonder that there are so many different churches and doctrines with so many taking the parts that they like and disregarding the rest. As I have mentioned before, some churches refuse to mention, or let their preachers, talk about hell. Why? They think that it offends people, and so they feel it best to leave it out. Other churches leave out other doctrines that they don't care for. It may be baptism, the Lord's Supper, or many other things that the Lord said.

How will that work out for them when the Lord comes back for his church? Acts 29: 26. Wherefore I take you to record this day, that I am pure from the blood of all men. 27. For I have not shunned to de-

clare unto you all the counsel of God. Paul preached all the counsel of God, not just the parts that people liked. How many ministers of today can say the same thing? Certainly not all of them, for I have heard several through the years actually mock some of the commands of the Lord. That is a foolish thing to do, for God doesn't give anyone the authority to change his word.

Not only did Jesus say that they didn't know the scriptures, but they also didn't know the power of God. That sounds like they had no real relationship with the Lord. It is one thing to know about him, it is another thing entirely to know him. Could Daniel and his three friends face the furnace and the lion's den without knowing God and trusting him? Other believers faced trials and death because they walked with God and knew his word and his power enough that they put their life in his hands.

To be ignorant of God and his word is not to just be in error, but to err greatly. God has given his word and revealed to man all that we need to know that we might walk with him and be saved. We might not know, and understand everything, but if we know him and his word we know all that we need to know.

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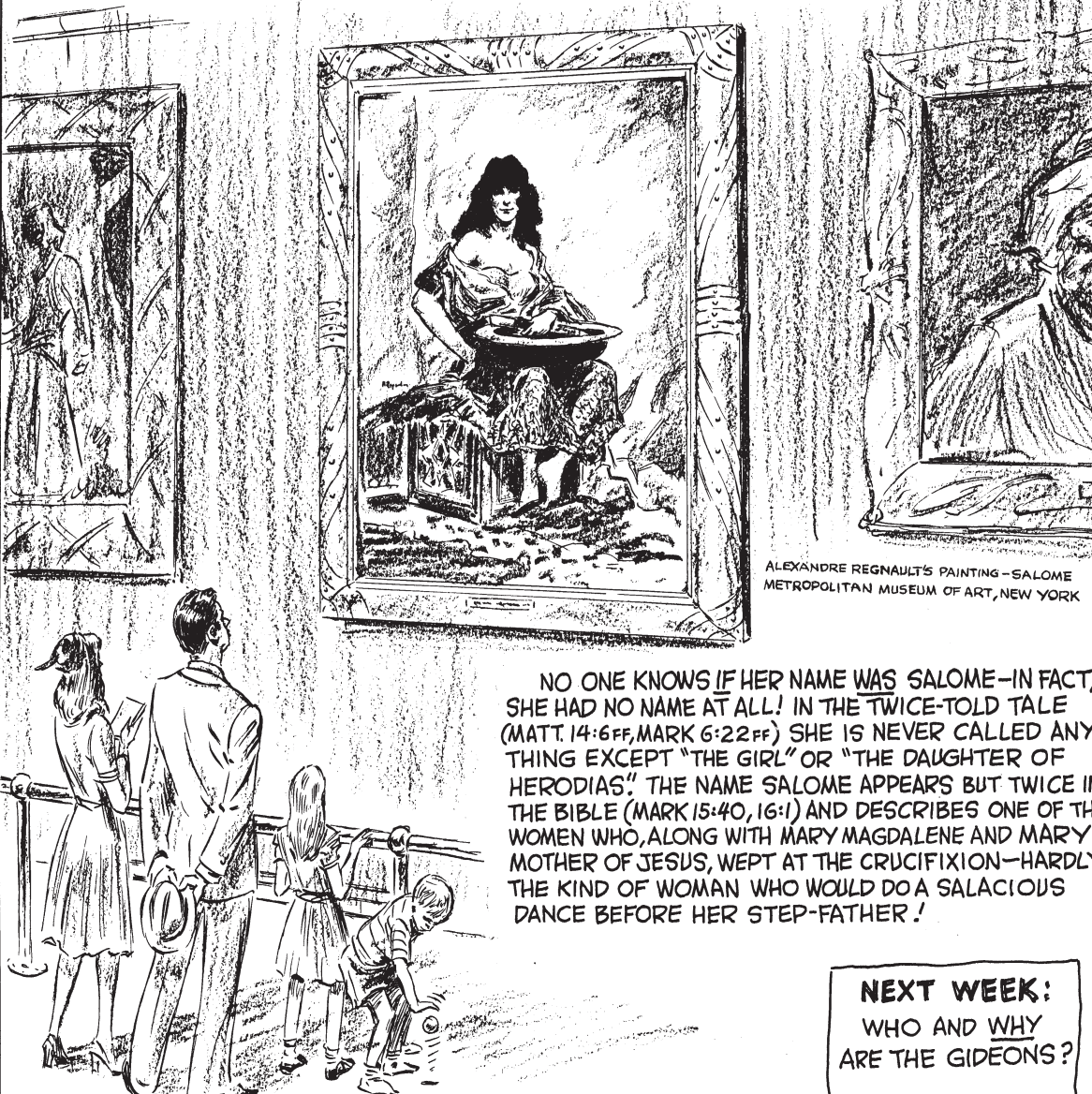
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NO ONE KNOWS IF HER NAME WAS SALOME—IN FACT, SHE HAD NO NAME AT ALL! IN THE TWICE-TOLD TALE (MATT. 14:6FF, MARK 6:22FF) SHE IS NEVER CALLED ANYTHING EXCEPT "THE GIRL" OR "THE DAUGHTER OF HERODIAS." THE NAME SALOME APPEARS BUT TWICE IN THE BIBLE (MARK 15:40, 16:1) AND DESCRIBES ONE OF THE WOMEN WHO, ALONG WITH MARY MAGDALENE AND MARY MOTHER OF JESUS, WEPT AT THE CRUCIFIXION—HARDLY THE KIND OF WOMAN WHO WOULD DO A SALACIOUS DANCE BEFORE HER STEP-FATHER!

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