A Powerful Question

Introduction: Questions can have different purposes. Some are rhetorical, not really needing an answer. **James 2.15-16** The question is an answer in itself. Some make statements intended to get us to think. **James 2.14** Some may show a fallacy in our logic. Some may embarrass us. They get us to think and can be very powerful. Jesus asked questions and one of His most powerful was "Have you not read..."

**I) When this question was asked.**

**A) When He was accused of breaking the Sabbath, Matthew 12.3ff; Luke 6.3ff.**

**B) Question on divorce, Matthew 19.4**

**C) Being rejected by the Jews, Mark 12.10**

**D) The resurrection, Matthew 22.31; Mark 12.26.**

**II) What point(s) was Jesus making?**

**A) The answer to their question is in the Scriptures (there is a rule book)**

1. We must go by the right Book if we want to have the right answers.

a. Cannot play football using the rules of basketball or vice versa.

b. Cannot go to heaven without looking at the word of God.

2. The Law concerning the Sabbath Day was in the scriptures and not their traditions. Jesus was Lord of the Sabbath, He knew the purpose and intent of the law. **Luke 6.3**

3. The question on divorce was in the Law of Moses.

4. The fact Jesus was being rejected by His own people was foretold in the scriptures.

5. The resurrection of the dead is taught by the word of God. How would we know of a resurrection if not revealed in the word of God.

**B) They should have known the Scriptures, 2 Timothy 2.15.**

1. We all have a personal responsibility to read and study for ourselves.

2. If they had known the scriptures and rightly divided the scriptures they would not have accused Jesus of breaking the Sabbath**. Matthew 12.7; Hosea 6.6**

3. If they had read and studied the Law on divorce they would have known the answer to their question. **Deut. 22 & 24, Genesis 1 & 2.**

4. If they had read the Psalms and studied they would have known Jesus came to be nailed on the cross for our sins. **Psalm 118.22**

5. If they had read and studied, **Exodus 3.14-15** they would have noticed the word "I AM the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob."

**C) They should have believed the scriptures**

1. A lot of their problem was not believing what the scriptures said. Just as it is today. I just don't believe God would ...

2. If they had trusted and believed the scriptures on the Sabbath Day they would not have added to it and distorted it. The priest ministered on the Sabbath, it was good to do good on the Sabbath Day. **Luke 6.9**

3. We have to believe what God says about marriage and the permanent nature of the relationship.

4. We have to trust and believe in God's plan of salvation, the rejection of Jesus, His death, Him being the foundation of the church. **1 Cor. 3.11**

5. We have to believe in the resurrection of Jesus and our resurrection. **1 Cor. 15.20**

**III) Point of Application**

**A) What about**

1. Homosexuality -- what says the scripture? Do we know? Do we believe?

2. What about worship? What says the scriptures? Do we know? Do we believe?

**B) What about being saved?**

1. The scriptures is the only place to go for the answer.

2. Do you know we are saved by...

a. The blood of Christ, **John 19.34**

b. God's grace -- **Ephesians 2.8**

c. By faith, **Ephesians 2.8b**

d. By repentance, **Luke 13.3**

e. By baptism-- **Mark 16.16.**

3. Do you believe? If so then come forward now.