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**Main Point:** Although the Lord's teachings about \_\_\_\_\_ for the future resurrection and living \_\_\_\_\_ in the present provoked wrath in some, they prepared others to receive Him as the Promised Savior.

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#### Observations:

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2. The Lord's response to the Sadducees revealed their lack of \_\_\_\_\_ about Scripture and their lack of \_\_\_\_\_ in the power of God.

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