

A Marriage Question & the Resurrection
Mark 12:18-27
Lesson #49
9-6-26

I. The Sadducees initiated a meeting with Jesus.

Mark 12:18 “Then the Sadducees, who say there is no resurrection, came to him with a question.”

A. The Sadducees relied on the Torah.

B. The Sadducees refused the teachings of the Oral Law.

C. The Sadducees rejected the resurrection of the dead.

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Acts 23:8a “The Sadducees say that there is no resurrection,”

D. They resisted teaching about angels, spirits, and demons.

Acts 23:8a “The Sadducees say that there is no resurrection, and that there are neither angels, nor spirits, but the Pharisees acknowledge them all.”

E. They relished money, power and position.

II. The Sadducees inquired of the Lord.

A. The Sadducees reviewed the Levirate marriage with Jesus.

Mark 12:19 “Teacher,” they said, “Moses wrote for us that if a man’s brother dies and leaves a wife but no children, the man must marry the widow and raise up offspring for his brother.”

Deuteronomy 25:5 “If brothers are living together and one of them dies without a son, his widow must not marry outside the family. Her husband’s brother shall take her and marry her and fulfill the duty of a brother-in-law to her.”

Deuteronomy 25:6 “The first son she bears shall carry on the name of the dead brother so that his name will not be blotted out from Israel.”

B. They requested an answer to a ridiculous question.

Mark 12:20 “Now there were seven brothers. The first one married and died without leaving any children.”

Mark 12:21 “The second one married the widow, but he also died, leaving no child. It was the same with the third.”

Mark 12:22 “In fact, none of the seven left any children. Last of all, the woman died too.”

Mark 12:23 “At the resurrection^[a] whose wife will she be, since the seven were married to her?”

III. The Sadducees were likely irritated at the answer of Jesus.

A. Jesus rebuked the Sadducees.

Mark 12:24 “Jesus replied, “Are you not in error because you do not know the Scriptures or the power of God?”

B. Jesus responded to the question of the Sadducees.

1. There are no weddings or wedding receptions in Heaven.

Mark 12:25 “When the dead rise, they will neither marry nor be given in marriage; they will be like the angels in heaven.”

2. There is a resurrection.

Mark 12:26 “Now about the dead rising—have you not read in the Book of Moses, in the account of the burning bush, how God said to him, ‘I am the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob’?”

Mark 12:27 “He is not the God of the dead, but of the living. You are badly mistaken!”

How can we apply this lesson to our life?

A. The Word of God takes precedence over what people say!

Job 19:25 “I know that my Redeemer lives, and that in the end He will stand upon the earth.^[26] And after my skin has been destroyed, yet in my flesh I will see God;^[27] I myself will see Him with my own eyes – I, and not another.”

Daniel 12:2 “Multitudes who sleep in the dust of the earth will awake; some to everlasting life, others to shame and everlasting contempt.”

Colossians 1:16 “For by Him all things were created; things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things were created by Him and for Him.”

B. The Word of God should be prominent in our life!

2 Timothy 3:16 “All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness.”

Psalms 119:133 “Direct my footsteps according to your word; let no sin rule over me.”

Psalms 119:109 “Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path.”

Quote: “The Bible will keep you from sin, or sin will keep you from the Bible!”