

es, I had Covid...No, it wasn't fun...Yes, I'm feeling better (Mike Tyson's Punch Out)

We are blessed – Multiple Systems Failure – Apollo 13 - Team rose and we did what we do...

Proclaimed the Word of God without apology – Worshiped God in Spirit and in Truth

Brian – Zach – James – Darnell - Small Group – Meals – Prayers...I am eternally grateful

ibles...talk about Jesus...Rethink: Subjects that are not new to us, but we should explore more deeply

Invest some of our time in rethinking – Think on things we think we know

or years I thought I knew what a phone did...turns out I wasn't even close

Knowledge – Banking – Music - Any person – Racecar – Golfer – Cats – People hurt amusement

Keeps track of my every movement – Spy's for Big Brother – Sells spending habits highest bidder

What if I had limited my understanding of the 'Phone' to its rudimentary function? Missing out

What happens if we limit our understanding of a theological idea to its rudimentary function?

Continue Mark...we get chance rethink – Not just the answer to questions, but the questions we ask

) (Mk. 12:1-12) Tennant – Wrong = How do we get ours? | Right = How to recognize God provides

) (Mk. 12:13-17) Pharisees – Wrong = Belong to Rome or Israel | Right = Belong to God

) (Mk. 12:18-27) Sadducees – Wrong question concerning Eternity – Rethink Eternity

Big Idea – God is in the Business of Eternal Life | PRAY | Question & Response

¹⁸ And Sadducees came to him, who say that there is no resurrection.

Context: 4 Jewish sects: Pharisees – Sadducees – Essenes – Zealots | Two Major: Pharisees & Sadducees

Similarities – Political power - Sanhedrin: 70-member supreme court...hated Jesus

Differences - CANNON | ANGELS & DEMONS | RESURRECTION – Less Liked - Gone in 70 years

and they asked him a question, saying, "Teacher, Moses wrote for us that if a man's brother dies and leaves a wife,

but leaves no child, the man must take the widow and raise up offspring for his brother. There were seven

brothers; the first took a wife, and when he died left no offspring. And the second took her, and died, leaving no

offspring. And the third likewise. And the seven left no offspring. Last of all the woman also died. In the

resurrection, when they rise again, whose wife will she be? For the seven had her as wife."

We will unpack the question itself in a moment...but let's first figure out the motive for asking...

QUESTION THE MOTIVE OF THE QUESTIONER...Asking because they want to know or pick a fight

Know: Enlighten – Instruct – Amend | Scripture – Educate – Correct wrong...leading to Jesus

Sadducees are here to pick a fight: Absurd Circumstances to trivialize the importance of Jesus

Question is Ridiculous: Tree Falls – Mirror – Clock – Matrix | Confuse...corner | First year philosophy

esus doesn't play their game, 'Your question is wrong...basis is wrong...'

²⁴ Jesus said to them, "Is this not the reason you are wrong, because you know neither the Scriptures nor the

power of God? ²⁵ For when they rise from the dead, they neither marry nor are given in marriage, but are like

angels in heaven. And as for the dead being raised, have you not read in the book of Moses, in the passage about

the bush, how God spoke to him, saying, 'I am the God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and the God of

Jacob'? He is not God of the dead, but of the living. You are quite wrong."

esus uses the opportunity to teach significant, comforting truths about Life - Three Truths:

.. Life is Created by God from the Beginning (19-24) – READ THE QUESTION

evirate Marriage – Practice of a widow marrying the brother of her deceased husband

Provision from Deut. 25:5-6 protect: Possession – Righteousness – Legacy (Explain Fast)

ince Sadducees don't believe in life after death...they come up with this elaborate story to trick Jesus

f a guy gets married...no kids...dies...second... WHOSE WIFE? | SEVEN BOYS...ALL STUPID ENOUGH...

¹ Jesus, "Is this not the reason you are wrong, because you know neither the Scriptures nor the power of God?

You are Wrong' - Aimless wandering...left earth and I hope the weather's nice on your planet

Since you came to pick this fight...let me end it...let's get to the root of the problem...

esus goes on the offensive - You're wrong & don't know about the Scriptures and the Power of God

Wanted their unbiblical fiction to line up with biblical truth...Jesus answer was, 'No'

f you knew the Scriptures...Power of God...wouldn't doubt the reality of Eternal Life | Scriptures:

Ps. 49:15 'God will ransom my soul from the power of Sheol (Grave), for He will receive me'

Is. 26:19 'Your dead shall live; their bodies will rise'

Dan 12:2 'And many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting

life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. | Imagine not existing...

Ecclesiastes 3:11-12 'He has made everything beautiful in its time. Also, he has put eternity into man's

heart, yet so that he cannot find out what God has done from the beginning to the end.

God's original plan was life...forever lived in presence of God – Eternal Life Created Beginning

• We were created to live forever, in the Garden of Eden, and rebellion brought sin into the world

How has God brought that promise of Eternal Life into a world of death? The power of Resurrection

Jesus has promised he will resurrect from the dead three times already in Mark 8,9,10

• In five days from the day of the Sadducees preposterous, antagonizing question...HE WILL!

No just a dead man walking...a new kind of life, a life in which His body was made perfect, no longer

subject to weakness, aging, or death, but able to live eternally

And His death...burial...and resurrection...if believed in...guarantees you will be resurrected as well

Rom. 10:9 'Because if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that

God raised him from the dead, you will be saved' | Spiritually This World – Physically Next

Glification – the final step in redemption. I will happen when Christ returns and raises from the

dead the bodies of all believers for all time and reunites them with their souls, giving them new

perfect bodies...like His...no longer subject to weakness, aging, or death, but able to live eternally

Jesus is saying...Eternal Life is Created by God in the Beginning...it's always been the plan

Sadducees, like many today, don't believe in the supernatural, and they're desperate to disprove it

Old saying – If you're living like there is no Heaven or Hell, you better be right | Second

2. Life is Defined by God in Every Season (25) | Jesus gives direct reason the question is nonsense

For when they rise from the dead, they neither marry nor are given in marriage, but are like the angels in heaven

Depending on how your marriage is going you either give that an: Oh no...or an Amen!

Continues his offensive – 'when they rise' | 'Be like angels'

"like angels" - eternal beings, sustained by God's power and presence finding joy in worshiping him.

• Marriage is for this present life only – No need for marriage in Heaven

○ Legacy – Reproduction – Protecting sexual fidelity – Compliment or Complete each other

○ Heaven: Perfect Holy Union – Deeper relationship with a stranger... - Eternal Perfection!

• Means that the concerns we have here on earth we won't have in in heaven | SADDUCEES NO!

• Life in heaven is different from earth - very real - God has defined but we don't fully understand.

But here's what's the same: God is the one who defines life at every stage.

Just like we don't know everything heaven, we don't know everything next season will look like earth

• But we can have confidence that the more of his presence we have, the more it will be good.

○ In heaven fully in his presence, earthly concerns that consume our minds will disappear

○ We don't get that full confidence on earth, but we do have the promise of his presence here.

We have the promise: God is here, he created and sustains us, whatever the next season of life is –

on heaven or on earth – God is there, God is with us, and God has already designed it.

Have confidence in the seasons of life, even the hard ones. God defines our life looks and provides

3. Life is sustained by God for Eternity (25-27) READ 25-26

Jesus continues...fine...I'll quote the Torah - Exodus 3, which is the Moses and Burning Bush

I Am eternal God – I Created eternal people. 'I am the God of Abraham, Isaac, Jacob' In present tense

Abraham – Isaac – Jacob...died thousands...more alive today than when on earth...SUSTAINED

• Jesus destroys the notion: eternity is an absurdity. We need Jesus to destroy that idea ourselves

• In our present, material world, people treat eternity as either an unknown or an absurdity

May we never be so consumed with the now that we forget that God is eternal

from before the beginning til after the end – and that we too are made for eternity.

Let's cling on to that because eternity can come before we were ready | Last line

'He is not God of the dead, but of the living. You are quite wrong.'

Can we just let that last verse bring us hope for a minute? | Eternal Life...rudimentary...rethink

• If you're in Christ, you're alive in him now and will be alive in him for eternity.

• In this season we are seeing loss all around us, sometimes far off and sometimes painfully close

• We need to tear down the lie of hopelessness that's spoken around us and sometimes inside us.

When we hear the lie that this world is all there is. let's say what Jesus said, "You. Are. Wrong." Our

God is in the business of eternal life!

