

SERMON NOTES

TELL ME ABOUT HIS DEFENCE OF THE RESURRECTION

Mark 12:18-27

BIG IDEA: We can believe in the resurrection because of the power of God and the truth of Scripture.

APPLICATION GUIDE

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DISCUSS

If you could ask one question about heaven, eternity, or the resurrection and get a guaranteed answer, what would you ask—and why?

EXPLORE

Read Mark 12:18-27. Why do the Sadducees bring this question to Jesus? What clues in the text suggest they are trying to trap or embarrass him rather than sincerely seek the truth?

What assumptions do the Sadducees make about the resurrection and life after death? How does Jesus expose their misunderstanding?

Why does Jesus quote Exodus 3:6 (“I am the God of Abraham...”) ? What does this teach us about resurrection and God’s covenant faithfulness?

APPLY

Which of these statements sounds most like something you’ve thought or felt:

- “I don’t understand how God could do that.”
- “I can’t imagine being happy without _____.”
- “That just doesn’t make sense to me.”

How might that reveal that you are viewing eternity through the limitations of this present world rather than through God’s power?

Jesus said the Sadducees knew Scripture academically but not truly. In your own life, are you approaching God’s Word primarily for information—or for transformation? What would need to change?

COMMIT

This week, I will choose one fear, question, or uncertainty about the future and intentionally surrender it to God by trusting both the truth of Scripture and the power of God.