



SERMON REFLECTION GUIDE

Luke, Part 59: The God of the Living - Luke 20:27-44 - February 8, 2026

SERMON OUTLINE

Intro - the “scary” feeling we get when the end of vacation approaches, the reluctance to return home and get back to the grind — how we feel about the end of life?

A. The Sadducees Question (Luke 20:27-33)

- 1) The Sadducees - a ruling priestly party of the Hebrew people at the time of Jesus.
 - highly tied in to the *Sanhedrin* (Hebrew court), high priest was always a Sadducee
 - less priest, more politician
 - **rejected the doctrine of resurrection** from the dead (v. 27, see also: Acts 23:5-10)
- 2) Their Question - a ridiculous proposition based off a law in **Deuteronomy 25**, a clear trick.

B. Jesus's Answers (Luke 20:34-38)

- 1) An Answer for the **Immediate Question** - Marriage after death? (v. 34-36)
 - Jesus has a more scathing opening line in Matthew's gospel: “*You are wrong because you know neither the Scriptures nor the power of God.*”
 - Resurrection life is different from this life! Duh! Marriage and procreation are unnecessary when people live forever.
- 2) An Answer for the **Real Question** - Is there a resurrection at all? (v. 37-38)
 - God does not tell Moses that he “was” the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, but ***I am*** the God of your father, of Abraham, of Isaac, and of Jacob’ (Ex. 3:6)
 - God's covenant promises (and therefore God's very nature) depend on the relationship with his people - not deceased non-entities - as living and someday resurrected.

C. When to Stop Questioning Jesus (Luke 20:39-40)

- 1) Question after Question for Jesus
 - See: **Luke 5:21, 30; 6:2; 10:25, 29; 17:20; 20:2, 22**; among others!
- 2) When Questions Cease (v. 40)
 - A day when ***every mouth will be shut*** and held accountable before God (**Rom. 3:19**)
 - At some point, we have to stop asking, and start trusting.

D. When Jesus Questions You (Luke 20:41-44)

- Jesus quotes from **Psalm 110** - the most quoted Psalm in the New Testament
- A Messianic Psalm - YHWH has directions and success planned for a Messianic Figure
- Widely accepted that the Messiah would be a “son of David”, yet David calls the Messiah “my Lord” in this Psalm.
- **Jesus is:**
 - *The Son of David* and therefore able to die
 - *The Son of God* and therefore able to rise
 - *The Resurrected One* and therefore able to bring us into resurrection as well (**Romans 6**)

“If it doesn't work forever, it doesn't work.”

An Appeal:

Be United with Jesus!
Rise from the Dead!
Life Forever!



SERMON REFLECTION QUESTIONS

1. When you think about the end of your life, what emotions do you experience?
2. When you think about life after death, how do you picture it? Is your expectation something that you could support biblically?
3. Why would someone reject the resurrection? Why did the Sadducees reject it?
4. How does Jesus prove life-after-death to the Sadducees from Exodus?
5. When are our questions about God and the Bible healthy? When do our questions get in the way and need to stop?
6. What point is Jesus trying to make from Psalm 110, with David calling his son (the Messiah) his Lord?
7. Why is it essential to the Christian gospel that: (1) Jesus is David's Son, (2) Jesus is God's Son, and (3) that Jesus rose from the dead?