

The God of the Living

Mark 12:27 (ESV)



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Limited Understanding of the Sadducees – vv. 18-23

Mark 12:18 (ESV)

¹⁸And Sadducees came to him, who say that there is no resurrection. And they asked him a question, saying,

Sadducees

- **Religiopolitical Group.**
- **“Zadokites” – founded by a man named Zadok.**
- **Aristocratic, Wealthy, Powerful Position (Priest and High Priest).**
- **Held the majority of the 70 seats of the Sanhedrin.**



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- **God was not involved in everyday life.**
- **They denied the resurrection of the dead.**
- **They denied the afterlife. The soul would perish at death.**
- **They denied the existence of the spiritual realm (angels and demons).**



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Mark 12:19 (ESV)

19“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.



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Mark 12:20 (ESV)

²⁰There were seven brothers; the first took a wife, and when he died left no offspring.

Mark 12:21–22 (ESV)

²¹And the second took her, and died, leaving no offspring. And the third likewise.

²²And the seven left no offspring. Last of all the woman also died.

Mark 12:23 (ESV)

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

Deuteronomy 25:5-6

Levirate Marriage



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Lack of Knowledge of Scripture and Power – v. 24



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Mark 12:24 (ESV)

²⁴Jesus said to them, “Is this not the reason you are wrong, because you know neither the Scriptures nor the power of God?”

Romans 1:22 (ESV)

²²Claiming to be wise, they became fools,

Isaiah 55:8–9 (ESV)

**⁸For my thoughts are not your thoughts,
neither are your ways my ways, declares the
LORD.**

**⁹For as the heavens are higher than the earth,
so are my ways higher than your ways and my
thoughts than your thoughts.**

Life Transformed After Resurrection – v.25



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Mark 12:25a (ESV)

25 For when they rise from the dead...



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Resurrection...

- Death means separation - body and soul/spirit.
- Resurrection means God raising the dead back to life.
- It's a physical resurrection – Body and soul/spirit.
- Jesus was the first fruit – a model and guarantee of ours.
- Transformed Body – new and glorified Bodies
- It's a promise (1 Thessalonians 4:16)
- It's based on the Scripture (Jo 5:29) and the Power of God



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Mark 12:25b (ESV)

“...they neither marry nor are given in marriage, but are like angels in heaven.”



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“Heaven offers nothing that a mercenary soul can desire. It is safe because the pure in heart alone can see God. There is no other good in Heaven than God Himself. **It would be like a child who wants to go on eating ice-cream while being told that someday he will be grown up and fall in love.** He cannot understand that the love he will have is better than ice-cream.” C.S. Lewis



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Revelation 21:3–4 (ESV)

³And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,
“Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He
will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and
God himself will be with them as their God.

⁴He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and
death shall be no more, neither shall there be
mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former
things have passed away.”



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Revelation 21:23 (ESV)

²³And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives it light, and its lamp is the Lamb.



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God of the Living – vv. 26-27

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Mark 12:26 (ESV)

²⁶And 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’?



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Mark 12:27 (ESV)

27He is not God of the dead, but of the living. You are quite wrong.”



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