

Luke's Gospel: Believing in the Resurrection

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Text: Luke 20:27-44

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27 There came to him some Sadducees, those who deny that there is a resurrection, 28 and they asked him a question, saying, "Teacher, Moses wrote for us that if a man's brother dies, having a wife but no children, the man must take the widow and raise up offspring for his brother. 29 Now there were seven brothers. The first took a wife, and died without children. 30 And the second 31 and the third took her, and likewise all seven left no children and died. 32 Afterward the woman also died. 33 In the resurrection, therefore, whose wife will the woman be? For the seven had her as wife."

Eat, drink, and be merry, for tomorrow we die?

34 And Jesus said to them, "The sons of this age marry and are given in marriage, 35 but those who are considered worthy to attain to that age and to the resurrection from the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage, 36 for they cannot die anymore, because they are equal to angels and are sons of God, being sons of the resurrection. 37 But that the dead are raised, even Moses showed, in the passage about the bush, where he calls the Lord the God of Abraham and the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob. 38 Now he is not God of the dead, but of the living, for all live to him." 39 Then some of the scribes answered, "Teacher, you have spoken well." 40 For they no longer dared to ask him any question.

Heaven sure sounds like it will be a let down.

41 But he said to them, "How can they say that the Christ is David's son? 42 For David himself says in the Book of Psalms,
"The Lord said to my Lord,
"Sit at my right hand,
43 until I make your enemies your footstool."
44 David thus calls him Lord, so how is he his son?"

Jesus, where did you come from?

Food for Thought for the week of October 10, 2021

(Questions and Scriptures for further study and discussion.)

As you think about these questions, remember that God's Word is living and active, able to time-travel, and has been written for you.

1. Where are you in the passage? Picture yourself standing in the crowd, listening to Jesus. What are you feeling? Conviction? Compassion? Is He looking at you?
2. Now imagine that Jesus has finished speaking and you approach Him. He smiles and welcomes you over. What do you want to ask Him?
3. As you listen to His Spirit and continue to reflect on the story, how does He answer you? What else is He saying to you?
4. Part of responding to God's Word is realizing that His grace is the fuel that will enable you. Do you sense His grace at work in your heart? What is He asking you to do next?