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A verse by verse study in
The Gospel of Mark



Resurrection Realities

Mark 12:18-27

Anticipation of life after death has been seen in various cultures throughout human history.

But most of those see the afterlife as a mere extension of this life, and so did the Pharisees. Atheists see no afterlife at all; neither did the Sadducees. But the Son of God says they are both wrong.



**I. The Resurrection is
Declared by the Word of God**

- 1. The Sadducees put up a stock riddle they had used to silence and embarrass the Pharisees.**

2. Jesus first told them they were off track.

- The Greek word *planan* (planet), translated *wrong*, literally means “to wander off track.”

- **They were wrong at the center of their belief system.**
 - **They had denied the Word of God.**

3. Sadducees only accepted the books Moses wrote, so Jesus went straight there.

- Jesus' argument is exegetical – they were denying the Scriptures.**

- **In Exodus 3:6, Moses wrote that God told him “I am the God of” That’s present tense.**
- **Exodus 3:6 makes no sense if those guys were presently dead.**

- **The Old Testament has numerous places that declare the resurrection.**

Many of those whose bodies lie dead and buried will rise up, some to everlasting life and some to shame and everlasting disgrace. Those who are wise will shine as bright as the sky, and those who lead many to righteousness will shine like the stars forever.

Daniel 12:2-3 NLT

Your dead shall live; their bodies shall rise. You who dwell in the dust, awake and sing for joy! For your dew is a dew of light, and the earth will give birth to the dead.

Isaiah 16:19 ESV

With Your counsel You will guide me, and afterward receive me to glory.

Psalms 73:24 NASB

*For I know that my Redeemer lives, and
He shall stand at last on the earth; and
after my skin is destroyed, this I know,
that in my flesh I shall see God, Whom I
shall see for myself, and my eyes shall
behold, and not another. How my heart
yearns within me.*

Job 19:25-27 NKJV

- **The New Testament says that these Old Testament saints had an earthly mission but they looked toward heaven.**

Hebrews 11:11-16

He will send out His angels with a loud trumpet, and they will gather His elect from the four winds, from one end of the sky to the other.

Matthew 24:31 HCSB

Do not marvel at this; for an hour is coming, in which all who are in the tombs will hear His voice, and will come forth; those who did the good deeds to a resurrection of life, those who committed the evil deeds to a resurrection of judgment.

John 5:28-29 NASB

Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life; he who believes in Me will live even if he dies.

John 11:25 NASB

So is it with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable; what is raised is imperishable. It is sown in dishonor; it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness; it is raised in power. It is sown a natural body; it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a natural body, there is also a spiritual body.

1 Corinthians 15:42-44 ESV

1 Thessalonians 4:16-18

- **Jesus basically said the Bible clearly declares the resurrection. You wander off track when you don't read your Bible!!**



**II. The Resurrection is
Secured by the Power of God**

Jesus told them, “The sons of this age marry and are given in marriage. But those who are counted worthy to take part in that age and in the resurrection from the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage. For they cannot die anymore, because they are like angels and are sons of God, since they are sons of the resurrection.”

Luke 20:34-36 HCSB

1. Jesus' response was also theological – they were denying the power of God.

- The phrase “God of” in Exodus 3:6 means *helper, savior* and is tied to the concept of redemption.

- **How could God promise to sustain them through all things and then not sustain them through the most important thing?**

- **We are sustained by the power of God. God's character is at stake to keep His covenant.**
- **That power raised Jesus from the dead.**

2. Part of their problem was the theologically false idea of what heaven is like.

- Life in heaven is not an extension of this life. Jesus was warning against the simplistic assumptions based on earthly experience.**

- **They thought whatever brought pleasure here was even better in heaven.**
- **Jesus pointed out that they are two different “ages” or “dimensions,” two different kinds of life.**

3. There is no marriage in heaven.

- Marriage was given in part to be a picture of what love could be until we get to heaven where our love with others will be increased exponentially.**

**4. There is no death in that age/
dimension.**

5. There is an exalted existence in that age/dimension.

- **Jesus said we will be like angels. We will not *be* angels, but we will be *like* angels.**

- **Jesus often used the phrase “sons of” We are part of God’s family because we have been born into it by a spiritual birth.**

God is not the God of the dead, but of the living! Christian, be encouraged: We have a family reunion to attend one day!

