

## Marriage at the Resurrection - Mark 12:18-27

*Topics:* Angels, Death, Disagreements, Faith, Life, Marriage, Power, Questions, Resurrection

### Open It

- \* 1. What misconceptions do people often have about God?
- 2. How could a person's misunderstanding of God's character influence his or her attitude toward Christianity?
- 3. What is one thing you have learned about God that you did not understand when you were a child?

### Explore It

- \* 4. Who were the Sadducees, and what did they want from Jesus? (12:18)
- 5. What unique belief did the Sadducees have? (12:18)
- 6. How did the Sadducees address Jesus? (12:19)
- 7. What instruction of Moses did the Sadducees cite to support their theology about the Resurrection? (12:19)
- 8. What complicated scenario did the Sadducees develop to get Jesus' opinion about the Resurrection? (12:20-23)
- 9. What was the basic principle underlying the Sadducees' question? (12:23)
- 10. How did Jesus respond to the Sadducees' question? (12:24-27)
- \* 11. In what way were the Sadducees "in error"? (12:24-27)
- \* 12. What was wrong with the Sadducees' viewpoint? (12:24-27)
- 13. How will life in heaven differ from life on earth? (12:25)
- 14. What did God say to Moses "in the account of the bush"? (12:26)
- 15. How is God's description of His own character relevant to this discussion with the Sadducees? (12:26)
- 16. How did Jesus lend authority to His response to the Sadducees? (12:26)
- 17. What did Jesus mean when He referred to God as "not the God of the dead, but of the living"? (12:27)
- 18. How did Jesus show the Sadducees that the dead are raised? (12:26-27)

### Get It

- 19. Why did Jesus refer to the book of Moses in His response to the Sadducees?
- 20. How do you think the Sadducees reacted to Jesus' stern rebuke in this passage?
- \* 21. In what ways do you think Christians today misinterpret what the Scriptures actually say?
- \* 22. How can we guard against reading into Scripture what we want it to say?
- 23. What specifically can you do to prevent yourself from being as "badly mistaken" about what Jesus taught as the Sadducees were?
- 24. Over what issues do religious leaders disagree today?
- 25. How can we know who is right when we hear conflicting opinions about God or theology?
- 26. Do you think you "know the Scriptures" and "the power of God" in your life, and if not, what can you do to mature in these areas of your Christian walk?
- 27. What can you learn from the Sadducees' negative example in this episode?
- 28. What difference does it make to you that God "is not the God of the dead, but of the living"?
- 29. How could you benefit from the insight of another believer?

### Apply It

- \* 30. What concrete action would you be willing to take this week to get to know the Scriptures better?
- 31. How could you make a conscious effort to learn from those who are more informed about the

Scriptures and wiser than you?

32. How can you learn more about the Scriptures this week?