

Luke 20:27-40 The Sadducees Ask Is There A Resurrection? (Mat 22:23-33; Mark 12:18-27)

Luk 20:27 Then some of the Sadducees, who deny that there is a resurrection (**no resurrection, also no immortality (no after life), no spirits and no angels**), came to Him(**Jesus**) and asked Him (**hypothetical question to validate their viewpoint**),

Sadducees: religious leaders, theologically liberal, trusted in mind and what was best for them, aristocratic, priestly group, wealthy, materialistic, humanists of the day, worldly minded and very ready to cooperate with the Romans, and in charge of temple sacrificial system),

They asked Jesus this question in order to trap Him theologically. They hoped to make the resurrection look foolish and support there theological view

Luk 20:28 saying: "Teacher, Moses wrote to us that if a man's brother dies, having a wife, and he dies without children, his brother should take his wife (**as his wife**) and raise up offspring for his brother (**Deut 25:5-6**). (**The purpose of this was to carry on the family line and keep property within the family. Also the child will grow up to support his mother in her old age.**).

Marriage Responsibility of a Surviving Brother

Deu 25:5 "If brothers dwell together, and one of them dies and has no son, the widow of the dead man shall not be married to a stranger outside the family; her husband's brother shall go in to her, take her as his wife, and perform the duty of a husband's brother to her.

Deu 25:6 "And it shall be that the firstborn son which she bears will succeed to the name of his dead brother, that his name may not be blotted out of Israel.

Luk 20:29 "Now there were seven brothers. And the first (**oldest brother**) took a wife, and died without children.

Luk 20:30 "And the second (**oldest brother**) took her as wife, and he died childless.

Luk 20:31 "Then the third (**oldest brother**) took her (**as wife**), and in like manner (**same way, the forth through**) the seven (**died**) also; and they left no children, and died.

Luk 20:32 "Last of all (**or finally**) the woman died also.

Luk 20:33 "Therefore, in (**life after**) the resurrection, whose wife does she become? For all seven had her as wife (**were married to her**)."

This question was design to disprove the resurrection. Jesus met them on their own ground by proving this doctrine from the Scriptures they accepted, the Torah. They relied mainly on the first five books, the resurrection is developed more clearly in the later OT books (Job 19:25–27; Isa. 26:19; Psalm 16:9–11, Psalm 49:15; Dan. 12:2; Ezekiel 37:1–14).

In Matthew & John Jesus starts out with saying

Mat 22:29 Jesus answered and said to them, "You are mistaken, not knowing the Scriptures nor the power of God.

Luk 20:34 Jesus answered and said to them (Sadducees), "**The sons (people) of this age (present world) marry and are given in marriage.**

Yes you will know your love ones in Heaven. Family relationships will still be known in Heaven. Jesus described the afterlife with the rich man and Lazarus (Luke 16: 19–31).

The glory of heaven will be a relationship with God that surpasses everything we know here on earth, including special friends and family relationships (Rev 21-22).

Luk 20:35 "**But those who are counted worthy to attain that age (to come, new future world), and the resurrection (being raised) from the dead, neither marry nor are given in marriage;**

1John 5:4 For whatever is born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world--our faith.

1John 5:5 Who is he who overcomes the world, but he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

Luk 21:36 "Watch therefore, and pray always that you may be counted worthy to escape all these things that will come to pass, and to stand before the Son of Man."

Pressing toward the Goal, All is found in Christ

Phl 3:8 Yet indeed I also count all things loss for the excellence of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them as rubbish, that I may gain Christ

Phl 3:9 and be found in Him, not having my own righteousness, which is from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ, the righteousness which is from God by faith;

Phl 3:10 that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death,

Phl 3:11 if, by any means, I may attain to the resurrection from the dead.

Luk 20:36 "**nor can they (resurrection saints) die anymore (because they are immortal), for they are equal to (or like) the angels (they do not die or add to their number) and are sons of God, being sons of the resurrection.**

Our Final Victory of Death

1Cor 15:53 For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality.

1Cor 15:54 o when this corruptible has put on incorruption, and this mortal has put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written: "Death is swallowed up in victory."

1Cor 15:55 "O Death, where is your sting? O Hades, where is your victory?"

1Cor 15:56 The sting of death is sin, and the strength of sin is the law.

1Cor 15:57 But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Luk 20:37 "But even Moses showed (revealed this fact in Exodus 3:6, 15) in the burning bush passage that the dead are raised (resurrected from death), when he called the Lord, 'the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.'

The present tense in the quotation from Ex. 3:6 shows that God was still in covenant relationship, even though they had physically died long ago.

Exo 3:6 Moreover He said, "I am the God of your father--the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look upon God.

Luk 20:38 "For He is not the God of the dead, but of the living for all live to Him (all these fathers of the faith will be among the resurrected)."

Mar 12:24 Jesus answered and said to them, "Are you not therefore mistaken, because you do not know the Scriptures nor the power of God?

Mar 12:26 "But concerning the dead, that they rise, have you not read in the book of Moses, in the burning bush passage, how God spoke to him, saying, 'I am the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob' ?

Mar 12:27 "He is not the God of the dead, but the God of the living. You are therefore greatly mistaken."

Luk 20:39 Then some of the scribes (some Sadducees and Pharisees) answered and said, "Teacher, You have spoken well."

Luk 20:40 But after that they dared not question Him(Jesus) anymore (because of the wisdom and clarity He displayed in answering there questions).

Luke 20:41-44 Jesus: How Can David Call His Descendant Lord? (Mat 22:41–46; Mark 12:35–37) Whose Son Is the Messiah?

Luk 20:41 And He(Jesus) said to them, "How can they say that the Christ (the Messiah, the Anointed One) is the Son of David (David's son)?

Luk 20:42 "Now David himself said in the Book of Psalms: 'The LORD (the Father) said to my Lord (the Son, the Messiah), "Sit at My right hand, **Luk 20:43** Till I make Your enemies Your footstool (a footstool for your feet)." '(Psalm 110:1, also NT Acts 2:34-35)

Psa 110:1 A Psalm of David. The LORD said to my Lord, "Sit at My right hand, Till I make Your enemies Your footstool."

Luk 20:44 "Therefore David calls Him(the Son) 'Lord'; how is He (the Messiah and) then his Son? (King David recognized the fact that his descendant was greater than he was, by calling his descendant "Lord", also Mat 22:41–46)."

Rom 1:3 concerning His Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who was born of the seed of David (fulfilling the covenant promises) according to the flesh (His human nature),

Rom 9:5 of whom are the fathers and from whom, according to the flesh, Christ came, who is over all, the eternally blessed God. Amen.

Rev 22:16 "I, Jesus, have sent My angel to testify to you these things in the churches. I am the Root (the Source, of all Life) and the Offspring (descendant) of David, the Bright and Morning Star."

Even though Christ is the son of David according to the flesh he is also his Lord (because he is the everlasting Son of God) according to the Spirit.

Luke 20:45-47 Beware of the Scribes (Mat 23:1–7; Mark 12:38–40)

Luk 20:45 Then, in the hearing (and listening) of all the people, He(Jesus) said to His disciples,

Mat 23:1 Then Jesus spoke to the multitudes and to His disciples,

Luk 20:46 "Beware of the scribes, who desire to go around in long robes (displaying and elevating their positions and prominence), love (elaborate) greetings in the marketplaces, the best seats (facing the congregation) in the synagogues, and the best places at feasts (special rooms at banquets and special occasions),

Beware: Watch out for these guys. They're dangerous.

We must avoid the example of the glory-seeking and be careful of wanting acknowledgment and recognition of the people.

James 4:6 But He gives more grace. Therefore He says: "God resists (opposes) the proud, But gives grace to the humble."

James 4:10 Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and He will lift you up.

Parallel passage in Matthew:

Mat 23:2 saying: "The scribes and the Pharisees sit in Moses' seat.

Mat 23:3 "Therefore whatever they tell you to observe, that observe and do, but do not do according to their works; for they say, and do not do.

Mat 23:4 "For they bind heavy burdens, hard to bear, and lay them on men's shoulders; but they themselves will not move them with one of their fingers.

Mat 23:5 "But all their works they do to be seen by men. They make their phylacteries broad and enlarge the borders of their garments.

Luk 20:47 (Evil men)"who devour (confiscate, take advantage of wills entrusted to them) widows' houses (including all goods within house), and for a pretense make (and fake) long prayers. These will receive greater condemnation (because of this, these men will be sentenced to a greater punished)."

Parallel passage:

Mat 23:13 "But woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you shut up the kingdom of heaven against men; for you neither go in yourselves, nor do you allow those who are entering to go in.

Mat 23:14 "Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you devour widows' houses, and for a pretense make long prayers. Therefore you will receive greater condemnation.

Mat 23:15 "Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you travel land and sea to win one proselyte, and when he is won, you make him twice as much a son of hell as yourselves.

Mat 23:25 "Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you cleanse the outside of the cup and dish, but inside they are full of extortion and self-indulgence.

Mat 23:27 "Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you are like whitewashed tombs which indeed appear beautiful outwardly, but inside are full of dead men's bones and all uncleanness.

Mat 23:28 "Even so you also outwardly appear righteous to men, but inside you are full of hypocrisy and lawlessness.

Different Judgements

Luk 10:12 "But I say to you that it will be more tolerable in that Day for Sodom than for that city.

Luk 10:13 "Woe to you, Chorazin! Woe to you, Bethsaida! For if the mighty works which were done in you had been done in Tyre and Sidon, they would have repented long ago, sitting in sackcloth and ashes.

Luk 10:14 "But it will be more tolerable for Tyre and Sidon at the judgment than for you.

End

Prayer

Extra Scriptures:

Charts:

Examples of Putting Your Treasures in Heaven

<u>Theme</u>	<u>Scripture</u>	<u>Short Phrase</u>
Eternal focus	Matthew 6:19–21	Store treasures, where it lasts
Right priorities	Colossians 3:2–3	Set your mind on heaven
Faithful works rewarded	1Corinthians 3:12–14	God rewards what endures
Giving to others	Luke 12:33–34	Give: gain heavenly treasure
Using money wisely	Luke 16:9	Use wealth for eternity
Giving to the church	Malachi 3:10	Honor God with giving
Supporting ministry	Matthew 10:41–42	Share in their reward
Ministry partnership	Philippians 4:17	Fruit credited to you
Volunteering / serving	1Peter 4:10	Use your gifts to serve
Serving faithfully	Hebrews 6:10	God remembers your service
Helping the poor	Proverbs 19:17	Lending to the Lord, He will repay
Helping “the least”	Matthew 25:40	Serving others = serving Christ
Cup of water	Matthew 10:42	Small acts count
Hospitality	Hebrews 13:2	Welcome others
Prayer	Matthew 6:6	Secret prayer rewarded
Seeking God	Hebrews 11:6	God rewards seekers
Perseverance	Galatians 6:9	Don’t quit, harvest will come
Generosity	2Corinthians 9:6	Sow more → reap more
Obedient work	Colossians 3:23–24	Work for the Lord
Self-denial	Matthew 16:24–27	Lose now → gain later
Eternal reward	Revelation 22:12	Jesus brings reward

Practical ways

1) Consistent, sincere prayer

Matthew 6:6 “Pray... in secret, and your Father... will reward you.”

2) Love people (especially the overlooked)

Matthew 25:40 “Whatever you did for one of the least... you did for Me.”

This includes: Poor, Widows, Children, The hurting, less fortunate

3) Generous giving (without seeking attention)

Matthew 6:3–4 “Do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing...”

Give quietly → God rewards openly

4) Seek God first (prioritize eternity)

Matthew 6:33 “Seek first the kingdom of God... all these things shall be added to you.”

5) Walk by faith and be faithful in everyday life

Heb 11:6 But without faith it is impossible to please God ...

Luke 16:10 “Whoever is faithful in little is faithful in much.”