

Marriage at the Resurrection

Matthew 22:23-46

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The Sadducees were a Jewish faction who had control of the priesthood and who denied there was any such thing as the resurrection of the dead. Some Sadducees came to Jesus. "Teacher, Moses said if a man dies without having any children, his brother should marry the widow and have children on behalf of the dead brother. There were once seven brothers. The first brother got married and then died without having any children. The second brother married the widow. He also died without having any children. The same thing happened to all seven brothers. Finally, the woman died. Now, after the resurrection, whose wife will she be? She was married to all seven brothers."

Jesus replied, "Your mistake is that you don't know the scriptures or the power of God. At the resurrection people won't marry, they'll be like the angels in heaven. But as to the dead being raised, don't you know what God said? 'I am the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob'. God is not God of the dead, but of the living."

An expert in the Law asked, "Which is the most important of the commandments?"

Jesus replied, "Love the Lord your God with all that is in you, and love your neighbor as you love yourself. The entire law and all the demands of the prophets stand or fall on these two commandments."

Then Jesus asked the Pharisees, "What do you think about the Messiah? Whose son is he?"

"The son of David."

"Then why does David, lead by the Spirit, call the Messiah 'Lord'?"

The Lord said to my Lord:
Sit at my right hand
until I make your enemies
a footstool for your feet.

"David is clearly calling the Messiah 'Lord'. So how can the Messiah be David's son?"

They had no answer, and after that no one was bold enough to ask him any more questions.