

A Sign in the Shadows

Luke 20:27-40

#1: The Introduction (v. 27)

²⁷ There came to him some Sadducees, those who deny that there is a resurrection,

#2: The Question (vs. 28-33)

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."

#3: The Answer (vs. 34-40)

The Future of Marriage

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.

Some Purposes of Marriage

- Companionship
- Sanctification
- Procreation

Resurrection of the Dead

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."

They Backed Down

³⁹ Then some of the scribes answered, "Teacher, you have spoken well." ⁴⁰ For they no longer dared to ask him any question.

#4: Concluding Thoughts

Questions to Consider

- In what way is my life driving my theology?
- In what ways have I made marriage ultimate, rather than the reality it points to?
- What specific way(s) can eternity with Christ encourage me in the present?