

Heaven, Sex and Marriage - Let's Go
Mark 12:18-27
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I. The Problem - Living Only for This World.

Mark 12:18 – *"And Sadducees came to him, who say that there is no resurrection. And they asked him a question, saying..."*

"Being a Humanist means trying to behave decently without expectation
of rewards or punishment after you are dead."
- Kurt Vonnegut

"Human decency is not derived from religion. It precedes it."
- Christopher Hitchens

"Life has no meaning...It is up to you to give it a meaning,
and value is nothing but the meaning that you choose."
- Jean-Paul Sartre

"It's up to each of us to get very still and say,
'This is who I am.' No one else defines your life. Only you do."
- Oprah Winfrey

Decency and definition.

John 14:6 – *"Jesus answered, 'I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.'"*

"Failure" is being successful in the things that don't matter.

II. The Proposal – A Perfect God and Heaven.

Mark 12:24-25 – *"Jesus said to them, 'Is this not the reason you are wrong, because you know neither the Scriptures nor the power of God? For when they rise from the dead, they neither marry nor are given in marriage, but are like angels in heaven.'"*

1. There is a bodily resurrection.
2. There is no marriage or sex in heaven.
3. We will fully enjoy and follow the Lord.

III. God's Promise – He is a God of Life.

Mark 12:26-27 – *"And as for the dead being raised, have you not read in the book of Moses, in the passage about the bush, how God spoke to him, saying, 'I am the God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob?' He is not God of the dead, but of the living. You are quite wrong."*

Growing Deeper This Week

1. Read Mark 12:18-27. What stands out to you?
2. Why do you think belief in life after death is still the majority opinion? (Ecclesiastes 3:11, Romans 1:19)
3. How prepared are you to give a good answer when your faith is challenged? What would help you be better prepared? When will you get started?
4. How did the law of brother-in-law marriage address issues important to the ancient Eastern culture? (Deuteronomy 25:5-6) In what specific ways can we address issues of widowhood and blessing those who have lost spouses?
5. What did you once believe heaven would be like? What do you know now and desire about heaven?
6. When Jesus debated the Sadducees, He used evidence from one of the five books of Moses because they only trusted those 5 books. How can His example give us a strategy to have discussion with people in our culture?
7. Which biblical description of heaven is the most encouraging for you?
8. Which biblical description of our new bodies in heaven encourages you?
9. Read Revelation chapter 21 sometime soon and praise God with heaven in mind.