

***STUDIES  
IN  
MARK***



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**LESSON 47**

## MARK 12:18-27

### REVIEW:

1. In our last lesson, who tried to catch Jesus in His words? (Mark 12:1) The \_\_\_\_\_ and the \_\_\_\_\_.
2. They tried to trap Jesus. What questions did they ask Jesus? (verse 14) “Is it lawful to \_\_\_\_\_ or not?”
3. How did Jesus answer them? (verse 17)  
“Render (give) to Caesar \_\_\_\_\_; and to God \_\_\_\_\_.”

### READ MARK 12:18-25

### MARRIAGE AND RESURRECTION

The enemies of Jesus got caught in their own traps so many times. It is a wonder they did not give up. In today’s lesson they tried once more to catch Jesus in a trap.

1. Who were the next people to try to test Jesus? (verse 18) \_\_\_\_\_.
2. What was one thing wrong with their belief? (verse 18) They did not believe in the \_\_\_\_\_ . They thought that when we are buried in the grave, we would never rise again.
3. There were other things wrong about them too. The Sadducees were really a party in politics, but they studied their Bible some too. The Sadducees got mixed up with what the Bible teaches.
  - 1) The Sadducees did not believe there was any life after death. They thought that when you died and were buried that was the end - no heaven or hell.
  - 2) In Acts 23:8 it tells us that the Sadducees say there is no \_\_\_\_\_, nor \_\_\_\_\_.
  - 3) The Sadducees believed in the Old Testament. They taught mostly about the books that Moses wrote.

4) The Sadducees did not agree with what the Pharisees taught. They did agree with them in one thing. Both the Pharisees and the Sadducees were jealous of Jesus. They both agreed that Jesus should be killed.

4. By what name did the Sadducees call Jesus? (verse 19)

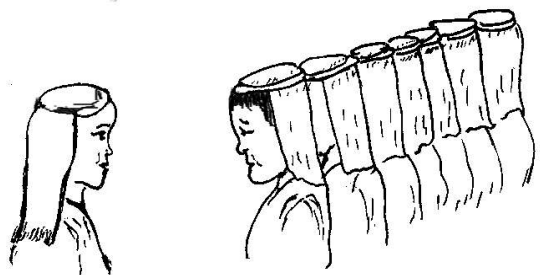
5. The Sadducees knew Jesus said dead people will come out of their graves some day. The Sadducees did not believe this. They thought they could prove Jesus was wrong. They made up a story to catch Jesus and prove He was wrong.

All Jews believed that it was very important to have a son. When there was a son, their family would not die out. The story of Sadducees told Jesus was about a man who died. This man had no sons in his family. They said Moses told them what to do about that. Look in verse 19 to see what Moses said:

“If a man’s \_\_\_\_\_ die, and leave his \_\_\_\_\_ behind him, and leave no \_\_\_\_\_ That his brother should take his wife (marry her), and raise up seed (children) unto his brother.”

This was an Old Testament law. A brother would marry the first man’s widow. The first son born of this marriage would take the name of the dead man. In this way the dead man’s family be carried on.

6. Now we are ready for the story the Sadducees told Jesus. READ again verses 20-23. There was a family of \_\_\_\_\_ brothers. The first brother got married but he died, and left no \_\_\_\_\_. The second brother married the widow but he died and still there were no \_\_\_\_\_.



All seven brothers married that woman and they all died. The woman was still alive, but she did not have any children. What questions did the Sadducees ask Jesus? (verse 23)

The Sadducees did not know their Bibles well, so their question looked like one Jesus could not answer. But Jesus knew His Bible. It was easy for Him to answer their question.

When we know our Bibles, we can find the right answers too.

7. In verse 24, Jesus told His enemies they were wrong. There were two reasons for their mistake:

- 1) “Ye know not \_\_\_\_\_ ,
- 2) neither the \_\_\_\_\_ .”

8. Jesus showed the Sadducees that their question was no problem at all. In verse 25, Jesus told them that in the next life we will be like the \_\_\_\_\_ which are in heaven.

9. When Jesus told the Sadducees these things He did not say, “You will some day be angels.” He said, “You will be **like** the angels.”

People who die and go to heaven will be equal to the angels. (Luke 20:36) Angels do not die, so there is no need for little angels, then there will not be need for us to marry and raise children.

Did Jesus show the Sadducees how foolish their question really was? \_\_\_\_\_ .

### **READ MARK 12:26,27**

## **GOD IS A GOD OF THE LIVING**

In these two verses, Jesus turns to another wrong belief of the Sadducees. They said the dead would not rise again. The Sadducees said they got their teaching from Moses. Jesus showed them what Moses really did teach.

When Moses saw the burning bush in the desert, he heard the voice of God. God spoke to Moses right out of that fiery bush.

1. In verse 26, Who did God tell Moses He was?

“God spoke to him saying, I am the God of \_\_\_\_\_ ,  
and the God of \_\_\_\_\_ ,  
and the God of \_\_\_\_\_ .”

2. These old men of God were all dead and buried. God still said He was their God. Now Jesus said that God is not the God of the \_\_\_\_\_ , but the God of the \_\_\_\_\_ .  
(verse 27)

So Jesus showed the Sadducees something they did not know before. When Abraham, and Isaac, and Jacob were buried thousands of years ago, that was not the end of them. They were still alive in heaven and God is still their God.

The Sadducees had read their Bibles but Jesus told them they did not understand it correctly. He told them they were very much mistaken. “Ye . . . do greatly err.” (verse 27)

Jesus wants us to know about the resurrection.



In 1 Corinthians 15:20 (N.L.T.) Paul says:

“But it is true! Christ has been raised from the dead! He was the first One to be raised from the dead and all those who are in the graves will follow.”

Do you want to know more about the resurrection? READ 1 Corinthians chapter 15.

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