



***We glorify God by proclaiming the gospel, making disciples,
and treasuring Christ above all.***

Text: Luke 20:27-40 Preacher: Luke Dufek Sermon Date: 5/22/22

Title: "A 'What If' Question About the Resurrection"

Read Luke 20:27-40 then pray that God would bless your discussion as you help each other understand and apply God's word.

Who were the Sadducees and what did they believe? How were they different from the Pharisees?

Why did the Sadducees tell the story about the woman and seven brothers and ask Jesus who she would be married to in the resurrection? Why do you think Jesus had more interactions with the Pharisees than with the Sadducees?

A comparison between the Sadducees and "Red Letter Christians" was made in Sunday's sermon because both elevate certain books or passages of scripture over the rest (i.e. Sadducees - the Torah, Red Letter Christians - the words of Christ). What other religious groups do something similar and why does this always lead to theological errors and heresy (see 2 Timothy 3:16-4:5)?

Jesus' gave a two-part answer to the Sadducees hypothetical question about the resurrection. In the first part (34-36) how did Jesus say that marriage in the resurrection will be different? What do you think about this and why?

*"Let us anchor our own souls firmly on this great foundation truth: we will all rise again ...there will be "a resurrection of both the righteous and the wicked". The recollection of this truth will cheer us in the day of trial and comfort us in the hour of death.
... We will not always lie in the grave, our God "is not the God of the dead, but of the living." -J.C. Ryle*

*With the second part of his answer (37-38) how did Jesus correct the Sadducees theology of the resurrection? How does the doctrine of the resurrection of the dead encourage and comfort you? **Close in prayer***

How then should we live? *Look for opportunities to encourage other believers with the promise of the resurrection of the dead. If you know someone who like the Sadducees, denies the resurrection, have a conversation with them about this passage and seek to share the gospel with them.*