

Luke 20:27-38

Then some Sadducees—men who believed that death is the end of existence, that there is no resurrection— came to Jesus with this:

“The laws of Moses state that if a man dies without children, the man’s brother shall marry the widow, and their children will legally belong to the dead man, to carry on his name. We know of a family of seven brothers. The oldest married and then died without any children. His brother married the widow and he, too, died. Still no children. And so it went, one after the other, until each of the seven had married her and died, leaving no children. Finally the woman died also. Now here is our question: Whose wife will she be in the resurrection? For all of them were married to her!”

Jesus replied, “Marriage is for people here on earth, but when those who are counted worthy of being raised from the dead get to heaven, they do not marry. And they never die again; in these respects they are like angels, and are sons of God, for they are raised up in new life from the dead.

“But as to your real question—whether or not there is a resurrection—why, even the writings of Moses himself prove this. For when he describes how God appeared to him in the burning bush, he speaks of God as ‘the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.’ To say that the Lord *is* some person’s God means that person is *alive*, not dead! So from God’s point of view, all men are living.”

Dear God,
You know what we need before we even ask and you never miss a thing. We admit that we have a lot of questions about you and about faith. We understand that one day, when we meet you face to face, all of our questions will be answered. But until then, help us to find answers where they exist and to trust you in faith with the rest. We ask this in Jesus’ name, amen.

Trick Questions

A Confusing Gospel!

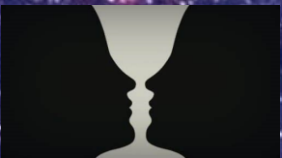
I wonder how good you are at answering trick questions? For example:

What always goes up but never comes down?

What gets shorter the longer it stands?

What will you find at the end of every rainbow?

What do you see?



What on earth...?? That poor woman!!

It's important to understand that this woman and all of the brothers / husbands were not real. It was a trick question. So what was really going on?

Some religious groups believed in life after death and some did not. They described it as "The Resurrection" – we might describe it as "heaven" or similar. These men wanted to know how life after death worked.

Why was it a trick question? Because different religious groups had been arguing about it for years. If Jesus gave one answer, he was siding with one group and the others were wrong (and vice versa)

Jesus was really good with trick questions though. He always saw to the heart of what they were really asking. It wasn't about marriage! It was about life after death and what rules would apply there. And depending on his answer, these men would decide whether Jesus really was who he said he was (the Messiah and Son of God) or an imposter so it was really important for Jesus to answer with wisdom.

So, I wonder, if you had the chance to stand in front of Jesus and ask him one question, what you ask? What question do you think is the most important for Jesus to answer? As you think about that, try watching this:

<https://youtu.be/SSu-GOCgmJw>