

Luke 20.20-47

Will You Live Forever?

Standing Before UNKNOWN 2026 wonder Is There Life After Death?

Most people HOPE So – But Most People have SERIOUS DOUBTS

When Last Time saw Some RISE from Death > Lots of People DIED!

Leaders of Jewish Religion in 1st C NOT believe in Life After Death

Fit Right in with SCEPTICS Today > Darwin > Biology is our DESTINY

Heart Stops Beating – Minds Cease to Exist – NOTHING Left of Us

“Human Destiny is only an Episode between 2 Oblivions” Ernst Nagel

20.27 There came to him Sadducees...who deny that there is a resurrection

Sanhedrin / Council of 70 / Jewish Rule – MAJORITY Sadducees

High Priest of Israel Sadducee, Pharisees believed Resur Minority Group

(The Sadducees say that there is no resurrection, and that there are neither angels nor spirits, but the Pharisees acknowledge them all.) Acts 23:8

NO Resurrection – NO Future HOPE – that’s WHY they’re **SAD U SEE!**

Supported ROME / Profited from Money Changing in TEMPLE

Last Week Jesus’ Life on Earth, End 3 yr min. – HOSTILE Forces Gather

Probably TUESDAY Most Important Week of Human History

Holy Week: Palm Sunday to Easter Sunday by way of Good Friday

Jesus of Nazareth – IN Full AUTHORITY, AND under FULL ATTACK

20.2 Chapter began w Question: "Tell us by what authority you are doing these things," they said. "Who gave you this authority?"

He’s Rejected the Religious LEADERS, REFUTED their LEGITIMACY

1. Hatred for the Man from Heaven

a. Jesus Unites US HERE to WORSHIP Him and Listen to His WORD

PEOPLE every CULTURE, COLOR, & CITIZENSHIP Before Him

Text: OTHER Side of Coin > ENEMIES of Jesus UNITED against Him

STORM Clouds of Opposition GROW DARKER thru Gospel of Luke

20.20 they watched him and sent spies, who pretended to be sincere, that they might catch him in something he said, to deliver him up to authority jurisdiction of the governor > Sadducees & Pharisees Friends in Hating J.

Try WIN Support of People for their TREACHERY by setting TRAPS
 CLEVER Questions intended to CONFOUND Self-Proclaimed CHRIST
 UNITED in EVIL: HATE this Message, making plans to KILL Messenger

Only Question for Them > HOW can they KILL Jesus and STAY SAFE?

Want to LURE Jesus to utter some BLASPHEMY > CAPITAL Offense

b. Jesus Enrages 20.21 they asked “Teacher, we know that you speak and teach rightly, and show no partiality, but truly teach the way of God.

Words CAREFULLY DESIGNED to PREVENT any EVASION by Jesus

GREAT TRAGEDY > People come to JESUS and LEARN NOTHING

Q. WANT to HEAR their OWN VOICE > NOT Listen to MASTER

20.28 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.

Common Rabbinic Method > Scripture & an ILLUSTRATIVE STORY

If brothers are living together and one of them dies without a son, his widow must not marry outside the family. Her husband's brother shall take her and marry her and fulfill the duty of a brother-in-law to her. The first son she bears shall carry on the name of the dead brother so that his name will not be blotted out from Israel.

Deuteronomy 25:5-6

LEVIRITE Law > from LATIN word ‘LEVIR’ = Brother in Law

INTENDED for ECONOMIC PROTECTION of WIDOW

Take Bible to ABSURD EXTREME > Reductio ad absurdum / Nonsense

Embarrass Jesus with Foolish Idea of Resurrection from the Dead

20.29-33 Now there were 7 brothers. The first took a wife, and died without children. And the second and the third took her, and likewise all seven left no children and died. Afterward the woman also died. In the resurrection, therefore, whose wife will the woman be? For the seven had her as wife.”

My Dad’s Bro BILL had 7 Wives > Told Me as he Sat Next # 7! Feel?

Not sure if Sadducees told REAL Story > Could woman Survive 7 Men??

Crowd must have SMILED and LAUGHED at this FOOLISH Picture

Sadducee’s NOT Interested in MORAL or LEGAL Question of Issue

HOW RIDICULOUS it is to BELIEVE in this SUPPOSED Resurrection

The kind of question every Sadducee’s son asked every Pharisee’s son in primary school! No one had ever found an answer to it

Sinclair Ferguson

2. Human View of Heaven

Popular Jewish Idea THEN: Heaven is CONTINUATION of Earthly Life

Many People project Earthly Experience into Heaven / Tues will be Tues

Gonna get my Big House, Car, Fancy PHONE in Heaven!

Street Corners BJ > People burning Papers of these for Ancestors to Get!

a. How about the Mrs.? v. 28 In the resurrection, therefore, of the seven, whose wife will she be? For they all had her.”

Happily Married Xtian Man wondered if Wife could be ROOMMATE?

Both Mormons & Muslims teach MARRIAGE TRANSCENDS Death

MUSLIM man enjoys 72 Virgins in Paradise > Status of Wife Not Good!

MORMONS > Marriages SEALED for ETERNITY in their TEMPLES

Mormon Message to Singles > MARRIAGE will make you COMPLETE

WITHOUT Marriage > NEVER Attain the HIGHEST Level of HEAVEN

Joseph Smith 34 WIVES: 10 teens, 11 taken from living husbands

Both Mormons & Muslims HUMAN View of Heaven – Not about Jesus

Ultimately it is about THEM – Their Glory, Their Pleasure, Universe!

b. Age to Come v. 35 those who are considered worthy to attain to that age & resurrection from the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage

Sadducees MISTAKEN about CHARACTER of Resurrection Life

“like” Angels = Sexless, Not Married, or given in Marriage

Luke 16.18 Jesus said Marriage should NOT be Broken in LIFE

NOW Jesus Teaches > Marriage IS BROKEN by DEATH

By law a married woman is bound to her husband as long as he is alive, but *if her husband dies, she is released from the law of marriage.* Romans 7.2

Resurrection is transformation, not just re-animation. P.S. Minear

Resurrection is not the restoration of life as we know it; it is the entrance into a new life that is different...In the eternal state, where our new bodies are perfect and there is no state of death, there will be no need for marriage, procreation, and the continuance of the race. Warren Wiersbe

“There are heavenly bodies & there are earthly bodies; but the splendor of the heavenly bodies is one kind & the splendor of the earthly bodies is another...The body that is sown is perishable, it is raised imperishable; it is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory; it is sown in weakness, it is raised in power; it is sown a natural body, it is raised a spiritual body”
1 Corinthians 15:35

NOT mean Husband & Wife will NO Longer Know Eachother in Heaven
NOT Good Adam ALONE > Saints in HEAVEN NEVER be LONELY
Heaven will be MORE Not LESS > Love Spouse, Heaven MORE Love
Deeper Intimacy, Higher Joy, Fuller Companions > Age to Come MORE

3. What Can we Know About Heaven?

a. No Marriage in Heaven Not just Super-Sized EARTHLY Blessings

”What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the heart of man imagined, what God has prepared for those who love him”
1 Corinthians 2.9

HEAVEN will be BEYOND anything we have Every SEEN or KNOWN

Paul reveals its DEEPER REALITY as he Teaches about MARRIAGE

"For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh." *This is a profound mystery - but I am talking about Christ and the church.* Ephesians 5:31-33

WILL BE a Wedding in Heaven – We ALL will be HIS Glorious BRIDE

"Hallelujah! For our Lord God Almighty reigns. Let us rejoice and be glad and give him glory! For the wedding of the Lamb has come, and his bride has made herself ready. 'Blessed are those who are invited to the wedding supper of the Lamb!'"
Revelation 19:6-9

Mormons & Muslim Heaven SO HUMAN – Almost KINKY!

Highest GOAL & JOY is Marriage > Nothing about Marriage to JESUS

BIBLE >> JOY of those who Make It to Heaven – JESUS!

Everyone in heaven will be so head-over-heels in love w/ everyone else as to render unthinkable an exclusive relationship such as marriage. In heaven you will have unbelievable closeness w/ people of both genders... warmth, intimacy & depth of eternal relationships.... so much more fulfilling than earthly ones...Do you think the Creator of sex has reached his limit in his ability to give us pleasure & fulfillment?... Every Christian is destined for them. All we need do is remain faithful in this life, allowing ourselves to be captivated by the beauty of Jesus.
Grantley Morris

b. Not Everyone Gets There v. 35 “those who considered worthy”

What can we do to be worthy? PROBLEM! Nothing! Impossible!!

Luke tells the Good News of Jesus > Came to Save Sinners

19.10 “For the Son of Man came to seek and save the lost”

He Alone is Worthy > Gives us that Status by Repentance & Faith

No Salvation BY Death > Funeral “they are in a better place” NO!

We all GO Somewhere for All Eternity > Only Jesus gets us to Heaven

Other Place NOT Better > Called Hell > Forever Separated from GOD

Sadducees DENIED there is a Resurrection > No Good News for Sinners

No Final Judgement, No Need for Atonement / No GOSPEL at ALL

Attack on Good News of Resurrection > Matter of Eternal Life & Death

c. If Risen with Christ you Can Never Die Again > IMMORTAL

v. 36 “they cannot die anymore” – Everlasting Existence

Jesus NOT say we WILL BECOME Angels > Fully Redeemed Humans!

LIKE Angels > Never Sin, Never Marry, Cannot Die, Live for Glory God

Marriage is for PROCREATION > Fill Earth, Multiply, Male & Female

Marriage is for Continuance of Human Race > Not for Raising Cats!

d. God will Raise Us Up to be His Children – Family of GOD

v. 36 “sons of God, sons of the resurrection”

Bible Describes our Relation with our Heavenly Father in Different Ways

Regeneration “born again to become children of God” John 3

Adoption “sons and daughters of God through adoption in Christ” Gal 4

Resurrection “sons of the resurrection” Luke 20

e. Proven by the Nature of our Eternal God

Sadducees only Believed in TORAH – 1st 5 books of Hebrew Scripture

Jesus goes to Torah to Prove Resurrection > Burning Bush in Exodus

v. 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. Now he is not God of the dead, but of the living, for all live to him.”

God met Moses centuries after Abe, Isaac, Jacob DIED > But they were Alive

They were Alive because they were with God who Cannot Die

“Once the Lord God binds Himself to you to be your God, there is no circumstance, no opponent, that can sever that relation. Even in death He is still the God who holds you and at the right time will raise you to life”

Dale Ralph Davis

I AM the God of your Fathers – Not WAS, WILL BE, or WANNA BE
 He is the God who KEPT His Promises > Remembered them in Egypt
 Came to RESCUE and REDEEM with an Outstretched Arm of Power
 God who led them thru Wilderness, Met them at Sinai, Fed in Dessert
 God who led them into PROMISED Land – Faithful to All Promises
 God who – In Fullness of Time – Sent His Son, the Lord Jesus Christ

God is Eternal, the Relationships He forms are Eternal – Forever w Him

He is Forever our I AM – Jesus takes those Titles for His Own

I AM Door – Good Shepherd – Way, Truth, Life > Resurrection & Life

PROOF? Go back to the Burning Bush and mee the forever I AM

Go to the Empty Tomb – Jesus who Died rose on 3rd Day – LIFE!

Raised to Everlasting Life by the Resurrection Power of God

Psalms 90 // Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations.

Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever you had formed the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God.

You return man to dust and say, “Return, O children of man!”

For a thousand years in your sight are but as yesterday when it is past, or as a watch in the night. // You sweep them away as with a flood; they are like a dream, like grass that is renewed in the morning:

in the morning it flourishes and is renewed; in the evening it fades and withers. // For we are brought to an end by your anger; by your wrath we are dismayed. // **You have set our iniquities before you, our secret sins in the light of your presence.** // For all our days pass away under your wrath; we bring our years to an end like a sigh. // **The years of our life are seventy, or even by reason of strength eighty; yet their span is but toil and trouble; they are soon gone, and we fly away.**

Who considers the power of your anger, and your wrath according to the fear of you? // **So teach us to number our days that we may get a heart of wisdom.** // Return, O Lord! How long? Have pity on your servants! // **Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love, that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.** // Make us glad for as many days as you have afflicted us, and for as many years as we have seen evil.

Let your work be shown to your servants, and your glorious power to their children. // Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us, and establish the work of our hands upon us; // **yes, establish the work of our hands! Amen and Amen.**