

Christ and the Cocky

Actual Jesus (Gospel of Matthew) – Part 192

Matthew 22:23-33

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²³ In that day, Sadducees came up to Him (*—those saying that there is not a resurrection*); and they questioned Him,

²⁴ saying, “Teacher, Moses said, ‘If someone dies, not having children, his brother shall next-of-kin-marry¹ his wife and shall resurrect a seed for his brother.’²

²⁵ “Now, there were with us seven brothers; and the first, after marrying, passed away;³ and, not having a seed, he left his wife to his brother.

²⁶ “Likewise also the second and the third, until the seventh.

²⁷ “And last of all, the woman died.

²⁸ “In the resurrection, therefore, of which of the seven will she be wife? For they all had her.”

(Matthew 22:23-33)

²⁹ Jesus, in answer, said to them, “You go astray, because you do not know the Scriptures, nor the power of God!

³⁰ “For in the resurrection, neither do *men* marry nor are *women* given in marriage, but *instead* as angels in heaven are they.

³¹ “But concerning the resurrection of the dead, did you not read what was said to you by God, saying,

³² “‘I Myself am the God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob?’⁴ He is not the God of the dead, but *instead* of the living!”

³³ And, when the crowds heard, they were astonished at His teaching.

Pastor Phillips’ ad hoc translation)

Introduction:

I. The Sadducees’ _____ (vv. 23-26)

A. They _____ (v. 23)

1. The *when* and *wherefore*:

2. The _____ : _____
a. What we likely know

b. Key verse: Acts ____:8
i. Doctrinally

ii. Questions
(1) *Angels* all over the Pentateuch, so what does this mean?

(2) Why, particularly, deny resurrection?

B. They _____ (vv. 24-27)

1. Premise (v. 23)

2. Pre _____ (vv. 25-27)

C. They (Try To) _____ (v. 28)

¹ Commonly called “levirate marriage.”

² Deuteronomy 25:5-6; cf. Genesis 38:8.

³ Literally *came to an end*.

⁴ Exodus 3:6.

II. The Savior's Riposte (vv. 29-33)

A. He Parries (vv. 29-30)

1. _____ they _____ (v. 29)

2. _____ they _____ (v. 30)

B. He _____ (vv. 31-32)

1. The _____ of Scripture (v. 31):

2. The _____ of Scripture (v. 32)
 - a. Popular but unlikely explanation:

 - b. Better understanding:
 - i. Note these promises:
 - (1) To **Abraham**: Genesis __:7; __:7-8
 - (2) To **Isaac**: Genesis __:3-4
 - (3) To **Jacob**: Genesis __:13-14
 - (4) To **all three** together: Exodus __:2-8
 - ii. Note that

 - iii. Therefore
 3. Important truth for us:

C. He _____ s (v. 33)