



Daily Reflections

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Scripture

Mark 12: 18-27

Some Sadducees, who say there is no resurrection, came to Jesus and put this question to him, saying,

"Teacher, Moses wrote for us,

If someone's brother dies, leaving a wife but no child, his brother must take the wife

and raise up descendants for his brother.

Now there were seven brothers.

The first married a woman and died, leaving no descendants.

So the second brother married her and died, leaving no descendants, and the third likewise.

And the seven left no descendants.

Last of all the woman also died.

At the resurrection when they arise whose wife will she be?

For all seven had been married to her."

Jesus said to them, "Are you not misled

because you do not know the Scriptures or the power of God?

When they rise from the dead,

they neither marry nor are given in marriage,

but they are like the angels in heaven.

As for the dead being raised,

have you not read in the Book of Moses,

in the passage about the bush, how God told him,

I am the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac,

and the God of Jacob?
He is not God of the dead but of the living.
You are greatly misled."

Our Scripture Reflection

The Sadducees were one of the four major groups among the Jews in Jesus' day. They did not believe in the resurrection of the dead. In their thinking, when someone died, that was it, period. Their question to Jesus in today's text was not meant because they sought information, but rather, to ridicule Him.. Because Jesus knew the Sadducees had accepted the story from the Book of Exodus about the burning bush, He used that story as proof that the great patriarchs who had died were, indeed, alive because God is God of Abraham, Issac, Jacob and Joseph. They are alive because God is alive. They are alive in Him forever.

Food for your Journey

The very contradictions in my life are in some ways signs of God's mercy to me.

--Thomas Merton

A Prayer from the Heart

Dear Jesus, You are the resurrection and the life. Help me to do Your will in this life so that I may be happy with You one day in heaven. Amen.