



Daily Reflections

November 25, 2017

Scripture

Luke 20:27-40

Some Sadducees, those who deny that there is a resurrection, came forward and put this question to Jesus, 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 but died childless.

Then the second and the third married her,

and likewise all the seven died childless.

Finally the woman also died.

Now at the resurrection whose wife will that woman be?

For all seven had been married to her."

Jesus said to them,

"The children of this age marry and remarry;

but those who are deemed worthy to attain to the coming age and to the resurrection of the dead

neither marry nor are given in marriage.

They can no longer die,

for they are like angels;

and they are the children of God

because they are the ones who will rise.

That the dead will rise

even Moses made known in the passage about the bush,
when he called 'Lord'
the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob;
and he is not God of the dead, but of the living,
for to him all are alive."
Some of the scribes said in reply,
"Teacher, you have answered well."
And they no longer dared to ask him anything.

Our Scripture Reflection

Jesus' adversaries will not stop trying to trip Him up. The Sadducees, who represent the political and religious aristocracy, ask Him a question not because they sincerely seek information, but because they want to publicly embarrass Him. They have heard that Jesus taught about the resurrection of the dead but they do not believe in such a thing. Jesus, using their own Scriptures, confronts them with the Truth about the resurrection. As He does, the Sadducees are reduced to silence. Because they lack humility, they will not acknowledge the Truth of what Jesus has said to them. They choose to grumble against Him instead.

Food for your Journey

Lots of research shows that love is more effective at bringing us together than keeping us together. You may have heard the saying, "Love is easy; relationships are hard." The truth is relationships are hard because love is easy. Strong feelings and sensations of any kind carry an illusion of certainty. With the exception of resentment, no emotional experience has more illusion of certainty than love.

--Steven Stosny, "Love, Marriage, Uncertainty," psychologytoday.com.
Retrieved March 9, 2013.

A Prayer from the Heart

Dear Jesus, Please give me the Grace of humility so that my heart will always be open to Your Truth. Amen.