

## "Marriage in the resurrection" in synoptic comparison

### MARK 12.18-27

Some Sadducees, who say there is no resurrection, came to him and asked him a question, saying, "Teacher, Moses wrote for us that 'if a man's brother dies, leaving a wife but no **child**, the man shall marry the widow and raise up children for his brother.' There were seven brothers; the first married and, when he died, **left no children**; and **the second married her and died, leaving no children; and the third likewise; none of the seven left children.**

Last of all the woman herself died. In the resurrection whose wife will she be? For the seven had married her." Jesus said to them, "**Is not this the reason** ~~you are wrong, that you know neither the scriptures nor the power of God?~~ For when they rise from the dead, they neither marry nor are given in marriage, but are like angels in heaven. And as for the dead being raised, ~~have you not read~~ **in the book of Moses**, in the story about the bush, how God said to him, 'I am the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob'" He is God not of the dead, but of the living; **you are quite wrong.**"

### MATTHEW 22.23-33

The same day some Sadducees came to him, saying there is no resurrection; and they asked him a question, saying, "Teacher, Moses said, 'If a man dies **childless**, his **brother** shall marry the widow, and raise up children for his brother.' Now there were seven brothers **among us**; the first married, and died childless, leaving the widow to his brother. **The second did the same, so also the third, down to the seventh.** Last of all, the woman herself died. In the resurrection, then, whose wife **of the seven** will she be? For **all of them** had married her." Jesus **answered** them, "~~You are wrong, because you know neither the scriptures nor the power of God.~~ For in the resurrection they neither marry nor are given in marriage, but are like angels in heaven. And as for the resurrection of the dead, ~~have you not read~~ **what was said to you by God**, 'I am the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob'? He is God not of the dead, but of the living." **And when the crowd heard it, they were astounded at his teaching.**

### LUKE 20.27-40

Some Sadducees, those who say there is no resurrection, came to him and asked him a question, "Teacher, Moses wrote for us that if a man's brother dies, leaving a wife but no **children**, the man shall marry the widow and raise up children for his brother. Now there were seven brothers; the first married, and died childless; **then the second and the third married her, and so in the same way all seven died childless. Finally** the woman **also** died. In the resurrection, therefore, whose wife will the woman be? For the seven had married her." Jesus said to them, "**Those who belong to this age marry and are given in marriage; but those who are considered worthy of a place in that age** and in the resurrection from the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage. **Indeed they cannot die anymore, because** they are like angels and are children of God, being children of the resurrection. And the fact that the dead are raised **Moses himself showed**, in the story about the bush, **where he speaks of the Lord as** the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. Now he is God not of the dead, but of the living; **for to him all of them are alive.**" Then some of the scribes answered, "Teacher, you have spoken well." For they no longer dared to ask him another question.