

LEARNING FROM JESUS AND HIS ANSWERS

Whose Wife Shall She Be?



But the men marvelled, saying, What manner of man is this, that **even the winds and the sea obey him!**

Matthew 8:27



And they went into Capernaum; and straightway on the sabbath day he entered into the synagogue, and taught. **And they were astonished at his doctrine:** for he taught them as one that had authority, and not as the scribes.

Mark 1:21-22

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Philippians 2:5

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³¹ Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God. ³² **Give none offence**, neither to the Jews, nor to the Gentiles, nor to the church of God: ³³ Even as I please all men in all things, **not seeking mine own profit, but the profit of many, that they may be saved.**

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³ Let nothing be done through strife or vainglory; but in lowliness of mind let each esteem other better than themselves.

⁴ Look not every man on his own things, but every man also on the things of others.

⁵ Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus:



Guiding Principles

Gently guide others so that they come to the right conclusion

Put truth before self interests ✓

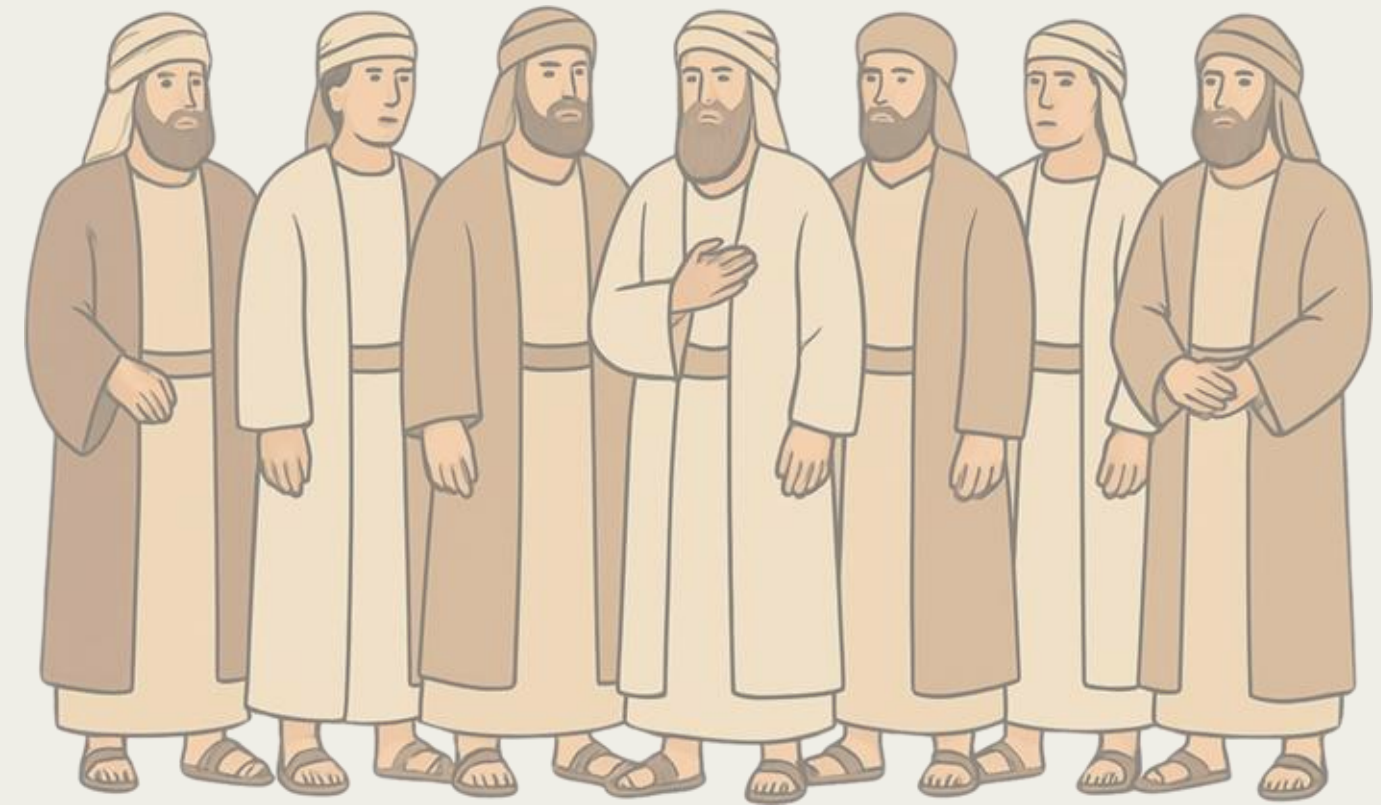
Learn spiritual perception

Guide the conversation to deeper issues

Seek to save others ✓

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Matthew 22:28



Matthew 22

²³ The **same day** came to him the Sadducees, **which say that there is no resurrection**, and asked him, ²⁴ Saying, Master, Moses said, If a man die, having no children, his brother shall marry his wife, and raise up seed unto his brother. ²⁵ Now there were with us seven brethren: and the first, when he had married a wife, deceased, and, having no issue, left his wife unto his brother: ²⁶ Likewise the second also, and the third, unto the seventh. ²⁷ And last of all the woman died also. ²⁸ Therefore in the resurrection whose wife shall she be of the seven? for they all had her.

‘same day’ - three days before his crucifixion

‘no resurrection’ - a question of doctrine with no explicit evil motive

Sadducees - denied the existence angels and spirits (Acts 23:6-8)

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‘Ye do err’ - ‘ye do err... greatly err’

Mk 12:24,27

1Co 4:1,2 - we are stewards of the mysteries of God (1Ti 1:10-11; Ro 6:17; 2Pe 1:2-4)



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He [Jesus] could have used other far clearer examples to prove the truth of the resurrection. For example...[Isaiah 26:19, Daniel 12:2]...people ask why the Lord wanted to bring forth this testimony for himself: “I am the God of Abraham and the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob.” This passage seems ambiguous and not sufficiently to the point about the truth of the resurrection...Above we said that the Sadducees, who confessed neither angel nor spirit nor the resurrection of bodies, also preached the destruction of souls. They received only the five books of Moses and rejected the predictions of the prophets. It would have been foolish, then, to bring forth testimonies [from the prophets], whose authority the Sadducees did not follow.

Jerome, Commentary on Matthew, ed. Thomas P. Halton, trans. Thomas P. Scheck, vol. 117, **The Fathers of the Church** (Washington, DC: The Catholic University of America Press, 2008), 255–256.

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‘have ye not read’ - quotation from Exodus 3:6

2Ti 3:16 - “all scripture is given by inspiration” (Re 22:19; Deut 4:2)

2Ti 4:3-4; Je 5:31 - warning against teachers turning away from truth



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What I would now explain is this, that the Pharisees have delivered to the people a great many observances by succession from their fathers, which are not written in the laws of Moses; and for that reason it is that the Sadducees reject them, and say that we are to esteem those observances to be obligatory which are in the written word, but are not to observe what are derived from the tradition of our forefathers. And concerning these things it is that great disputes and differences have arisen among them, while the Sadducees are able to persuade none but the rich, and have not the populace obsequious to them, but the Pharisees have the multitude on their side.

[Josephus \(c. 94 CE/Whiston transl.\) Antiquities of the Jews, 13.10.6–7](#)

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Titus 1:9 - use sound doctrine to convince gainsayers (e.g. Apollos - Acts 18:24,28)



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Luke 20:34-36 - angels don't marry and are immortal

Exodus 3:1-3,15

- passage references angels, God's power and resurrection!

- God's memorial unto all generations



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And for the Sadducees, they take away fate, and say there is no such thing, and that the events of human affairs are not at its disposal; but they suppose that all our actions are in our own power, so that we are ourselves the cause of what is good, and receive what is evil from our own folly. However, I have given a more exact account of these opinions in the second book of the Jewish War.

Josephus (c. 94 CE/Whiston transl.) Antiquities of the Jews, 15.5.9

But the Sadducees are those that compose the second order, and take away fate entirely, and suppose that God is not concerned in our doing or not doing what is evil; and they say, that to act what is good, or what is evil, is at men's own choice, and that the one or the other belongs so to every one, that they may act as they please. They also take away the belief of the immortal duration of the soul, and the punishments and rewards in Hades.

Josephus, (c. 75 CE/Whiston, transl.), The Wars of the Jews, 2.8.14

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name be not put out - for Sadducees this would be the only means their name to be continued (Ps 49:11)

not marry a stranger - intent was to raise up a godly seed



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