

**The Question About the Resurrection:
The Resurrection Denied, yet Proven
Mathew 22: 23-33**

(Mk 12:18-27; Lk 20:27-38)

1. *The Sadducees tried to discredit Christ*

23 That same day the Sadducees,
who say there is no resurrection,
came to him with a question.

2. *The resurrection was denied and scoffed at*

a. Moses' law:

The Levirate law
or law of the brother-in-law

1) Was to marry the wife
of a dead brother

2) Purpose:

To carry on the family
and property

b. The logical situation:

A childless widow married
seven brothers

24 "Teacher," they said,

"Moses told us that
if a man dies without having children,
his brother must marry the widow
and have children for him.

25 Now there were seven brothers among us.

The first one married and died,
and since he had no children,
he left his wife to his brother.

26 The same thing happened
to the second and third brother,
right on down to the seventh.

27 Finally, the woman died.

c. The logical question supposedly shows
the absurdity of the resurrection:
Whose wife is she in eternity?

28 Now then,
at the resurrection,
whose wife will she be of the seven,
since all of them were married to her?"

3. *The resurrection was denied for two reasons*

a. Did not know Scripture

b. Did not know the power of God

29 Jesus replied,
"You are in error
because you do not know the Scriptures
or the power of God.

4. *The resurrection exceeds earthly relationships*

a. Exceeds marital relationships

b. Will be equal to angels

30 At the resurrection people will neither marry
nor be given in marriage;
they will be like the angels in heaven.

5. *The resurrection has four basic proofs*

- a. God has spoken and revealed the resurrection in His Word
- b. God is; God exists
- c. God is the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob
- d. God is not the God of the dead but of the living

6. *The resurrection causes astonishment*

31 But about the resurrection of the dead - have you not read what God said to you,

32 'I am the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob'? He is not the God of the dead but of the living."

33 When the crowds heard this, they were astonished at his teaching.