

Sermon Discussion Guide:

A Question About the Resurrection

Scripture: **Luke 20:27–40**

Series: **The Gospel of Luke**

Sunday, October 20, 2019

OVERVIEW

The Sadducees—not the Pharisees in this instance—are trying to trap Jesus with a question. The Pharisees and the Sadducees were the religious experts of the day. However, they didn't agree on all items. They ask Jesus a question that only someone in authority—an expert—could answer. The Sadducees didn't believe in the resurrection but use it to try and trap Jesus, but the trap didn't work. Jesus is the only authority and expert on the resurrection. **The expert Prophet / Priest Jesus has made our resurrection life certain.**

CORROBORATING TEXTS

Exodus 3:6-4:6; 1 Corinthians 15; John 5:28-30; John 11:25-26; Hebrews 11:10,13-16,18; 1 Corinthians 2:9; Eccl 7:2; 2 Corinthians 5:1-5; Romans 8:11,23-25 Hebrews 12:22-24

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. In our passage, the Sadducees are trying to trap Jesus so they would have reason to condemn Him to death. Read Jesus's response in verses 34-35. Jesus talks about the sons of this age contrasting to the sons of the resurrection. What was the point of this response? Can we also miss Jesus in this present world?
2. In verses 37-38, Jesus takes the Sadducees to scripture that they should know and understand—God affirming to Moses in the burning bush, “I Am”. Jesus calls the Lord, the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. What is the significance of this statement?
3. We see repeatedly, that the Sadducees miss the Messiah, even though they had the prophets foretelling of His coming, the ministry of Jesus, and Jesus's own testimony. Scott says, “Don't be a Sadducee”. What does this statement mean? What is the danger? How does this apply to us and what should our response be?
4. The bible confirms for us that “the resurrection is real”. Read 1 Corinthians 15:12-19. Why is this doctrine important to the us? Philippians 1:6 states that God completes what He begins. How is this the resurrection the completion of our salvation?
5. We will be raised in resurrection by the power of God. How does the Spirit of resurrection work in us while we are still in this present age?
6. Scott closes with Hebrews 12:22-24. Discuss this glimpse of the age to come.