

A person in a long, light-colored robe with a blue sash is walking away from the camera on a sandy beach. The background shows a calm sea and a sky with soft, golden clouds, suggesting a sunset or sunrise. The overall tone is peaceful and contemplative.

THE GOSPEL OF
LUKE

GOOD NEWS OF GREAT JOY

THE GOD OF THE LIVING

Luke 20:27-40

The God of the Living

Main Idea:

Because God is the God of the living, resurrection in the next world is more certain than death in this one.

- An Absurd Question v. 27-33
 - An Irrefutable Answer v. 34-40
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- Who are the Sadducees?

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 - Absurd example

An Irrefutable Answer v. 34-40

- Faulty assumption exposed
- But how is anyone worthy?

Resurrection Hope

“I still can hardly believe it. I, with shriveled, bent fingers, atrophied muscles, gnarled knees, and no feeling from the shoulders down, will one day have a new body, light, bright, and clothed in righteousness—powerful and dazzling. Can you imagine the hope this gives someone spinal-cord injured like me? Or someone who is cerebral palsied, brain-injured, or who has multiple sclerosis? Imagine the hope this gives someone who is manic-depressive. No other religion, no other philosophy promises new bodies, hearts, and minds. Only in the Gospel of Christ do hurting people find such incredible hope.” – Joni Eareckson Tada

An Irrefutable Answer

- More than Marriage v. 35
- More than Death v. 36
- More than Family v. 36

More than Marriage

“Within this Christian vision of marriage, it is to look at another person and get a glimpse of what God is creating, and to say, 'I see who God is making you, and it excites me! I want to be part of that. I want to partner with you and God in the journey you are taking to his throne. And when we get there, I will look at your magnificence and say, 'I always knew you could be like this. I got glimpses of it on earth, but now look at you!’”

- Tim Keller

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More than Death

We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin.

For one who has died has been set free from sin.

Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him.

Romans 6:6-8

More than Death

We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him.

For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God.

So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

Romans 6:9-11

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God of the Living

- Where is the proof?
- “I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.” Exodus 3:6

God of the Living

- Where is the proof?
- An empty tomb with eyewitnesses
 - Luke 24 & 1 Cor. 15