

DISCUSSION IDEAS RESURRECTION!

Mark 12:18-27

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♦ **DISCUSSION POINT ONE: "YOU KNOW *NEITHER* THE SCRIPTURES NOR THE POWER OF GOD"**

The religious faction which did not believe in life after death had just tried to put Jesus into a no-win situation. (Mark 12:18-23)

How does His response, in Mark 12:24-27, expose a basic flaw in their interpretation of Scripture?

What was the context of the passage in Deuteronomy 25:5-6 (the basis of their story).

What assumptions did they make about life after death?

What are the two things Jesus states as important to understanding God's will?

How can you keep from misunderstanding the Word?

NOTE: The LDS religion tries to over-ride what Jesus says here. Their basis has been stated (in a blog) as: "There is no Biblical obstacle to the doctrine of eternal marriage. This doctrine is *consistent* with the Bible, but it is not drawn from it. As in all things, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints is guided by modern revelation, and the doctrine of eternal marriage came to the church through this means."

http://en.fairmormon.org/Marriage/As_a_requirement_for_exaltation/Jesus_said_%22neither_marry_nor_given_in_marriage%22

How is the principle that the Bible is our solid foundation different from the LDS view?

How does a solid confidence in the Word keep us from error?

AND, where does your confidence in the Word come from?

(See point 2)

♦ **DISCUSSION POINT TWO: THE IMPORTANCE OF THE RESURRECTION.**

There were some members of the church in Corinth that had come to believe that there was no resurrection.

What did the Apostle Paul have to say about that? 1 Cor. 15:12-19.

What does the Resurrection of Jesus really prove?

What light does verse 4 of Romans 1:1-6 shed on this?

How does the passage Jesus quoted, Exodus 3:1-6, prove that there is life after death? For proof, consider the fact of Jesus' resurrection.

How does Jesus' use of the Exodus passage show that God means what He says – that the Word is not just to be interpreted by conjecture?

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♦ **DISCUSSION POINT THREE: THE FACTS OF THE RESURRECTION.**

What does Jesus tell us about the resurrection in John 5:24-29?

Have you ever thought of telling an unsaved friend that you know that he or she will be raised from the dead someday?

The scary part for them is, which resurrection?

What guaranteed promise does John 5:24 state about your future, if you have trusted in Him?

What guaranteed promise does John 3:18 state about your friend's future if they have not trusted in Him? Revelation 20:11-15 expands on this.

♦ **FOR MEDITATION:**

Think about what it means that your debt has been CANCELLED!

Colossians 2:13-14.

Ponder the meaning of "firstfruits" in 1 Corinthians 15:20.

How is Jesus' resurrection a guarantee for you?

♦ **PRAYER:**

Pray for our individual relationships and our witness to those in our lives.

In what ways will my life influence them?

How significant are my prayers for them?

Continue to uphold the Shelter Valley believers, and the GCC team that serves there.

Let's continue to pray for the Lord's love and power to be seen in Baranganon Island.

Pray for Eddie, as he grows in Christ and takes on greater responsibilities on Baranganon Island.

Thank God for Seth, who insisted on sharing his testimony openly and in person (not videotaped), even though he is very shy.

Thank God and uphold in prayer the "TFG" (Time For God) group of children and young folks who meet every day!

Pray with the strong, self-motivated women's group as they study God's Word and grow to be mature believers.