Mark Lesson 41 (2023)

**THE GOD OF THE LIVING**

(Mark 12:18-27)

**Open it:**

1. What misconceptions do people often have about God?

**Explore it:**

1. Read verses 18-19. Who were the Sadducees, and what unique beliefs did the Sadducees have? (18; Acts 23:8) What instruction of Moses did the Sadducees cite to support their theology about the resurrection?
2. Read verses 20-23. What hypothetical case did they bring to Jesus? (20-23) What was the basic principle underlying the Sadducees’ question? (23)
3. Read verses 24-25. In what two areas was their knowledge deficient? What did Jesus teach about marriage in heaven? How will life in heaven differ from life on earth?
4. Read verses 26-27. How did Jesus show the Sadducees that the dead are raised? What did Jesus mean when he referred to God as *“not the God of the dead, but of the living”?* What can you learn from the Sadducees’ negative example in this episode?

**Apply it**

1. What can you do to prevent yourself from being as *“badly mistaken”* about what Jesus taught as the Sadducees were?