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ANGELS DEEMED **RESURREC-**BROTHER DESCEND-TION BUSH ANT SADDUCEES CHILD ISAAC TEACHER **CHILDLESS IACOB** WOMAN **CHILDREN** MARRIED WORTHY DEAD MOSES

Catechizing Corner!

Jesus expresses faith in the living God, the author of all life. He further demonstrates his authority by interpreting the Mosaic law. When Moses encountered Yahweh in the burning bush he referred to God as the God of Abraham and the God of Isaac. In his argument, Jesus insists that if God is the God of Abraham and of Isaac (who were dead long before Moses), it follows then, that there must be life after death. Moses was talking about Abraham and Isaac as if they were still alive. Moses did not say, "God was the God of Abraham." Rather, Moses said: "God is the God of Abraham." It is a present-tense declaration. If God is the God of Abraham and Isaac, then they must be enjoying life somewhere, because God can only be the God of someone who is alive—not dead. God is a God of the living, not the dead! Jesus also refutes the notion that life after death is simply a continuation of this life as we know it. The Pharisees are obviously pleased with Jesus' interpretation as it is in harmony with their own belief in the resurrection.

Luke portrays his primary agenda in this vignette. A main concern for Luke is to view the life and ministry of Jesus in relationship to the kingdom of God. This story highlights the discrepancy between the beliefs regarding the kingdom of God and messianic expectations of the Jewish leaders and those same beliefs as understood by Luke and the post-resurrection church.

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Disciple's Reflection for the Question of the Week

Thirty-Second Sunday in **Ordinary Time** 11/6/2022

A Call to Prayer

The Word of God Luke 20:27-38

Faith Sharing Questions of the week

Closing Prayer

HOLY FAMILY CHURCH

Holy Family is a welcoming Catholic Eucharistic community of disciples of Jesus Christ connecting faith with life and reaching out to those in need!



Begin by calling upon God: In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, Amen.

Let us pause for a moment and listen attentively to this week's passage.



A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Some **Sadducees**, those who deny that there is a resurrection, came forward and put this question to Jesus, saying,

"Teacher, Moses wrote for us, If someone's brother dies leaving a wife but no child, his brother must take the wife and raise up descendants for his brother. Now there were seven brothers; the first married a woman but died childless. Then the second and the third married her, and likewise all the seven died childless.

Finally the woman also died. Now at the resurrection whose wife will that woman be? For all seven had been married to her."

<u>Gospel Glossary</u>

The **sadducees** were a group of Jewish leaders who were experts in the law of Moses and who often tried to trick Jesus. Jesus said to them, "The children of this age marry and remarry; but those who are **deemed** worthy to attain to the coming age and to the resurrection of the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage. They can no longer die, for they are like angels; and they are the children of God because they are the ones who will rise. That the dead will rise even Moses made known in the passage about the **bush**, when he called out 'Lord,' the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob; and he is not God of the dead, but of the living, for to him all are alive."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Deemed means judged, or considered.

The **bush** here refers to the burning bush from which God spoke to Moses. put to shame.

Faith Sharing

Questions of the Week:

Adults: How has your life been a reflection of God?

Teens: Describe a time when someone was trying to cause you to stumble or hesitate.

Children: Name a way you can act like Jesus today.

Families: As a household—imagine being together in heaven. Who would be there?



- Lord, You have called us to be your disciples, to live in faith, walking always in your footsteps. By your suffering, death, and resurrection, you have made us children of God. As you have loved us and asked us to love one another, help us to love and embrace everyone in our lives.
- Fill us with love, compassion, forgiveness, patience, understanding, and tolerance, even when we face the pain of hatred, rejection, and failure.
- Guide us to be good disciples. May we seek always the praise and glory of God and the good of all people. We make this prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen.