



A spinster lady from Barnsley

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Jesus replied, "The people of this age marry and are given in marriage. But those who are considered worthy of taking part in the age to come and in the resurrection from the dead will neither marry nor be given in marriage, and they can no longer die; for they are like the angels. They are God's children, since they are children of the resurrection. But in the account of the burning bush, even Moses showed that the dead rise, for he calls the Lord 'the God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.' He is not the God of the dead, but of the living, for to him all are alive." Some of the teachers of the law responded, "Well said, teacher!"

And no one dared to ask him any more questions. Luke 20:27 - 40

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**The problem with the Sadducees**

**Why did they come?**

**WARNING** The danger of preconceived ideas.

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## **Moses' law**

**Deuteronomy 25:5-10**

**What was it for?**

**Was it ever applied?**

**A dangerous game**

Misusing the bible - pretext



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## The made-up story (what if)

**Assumptions :-**  
about marriage  
and  
the future life



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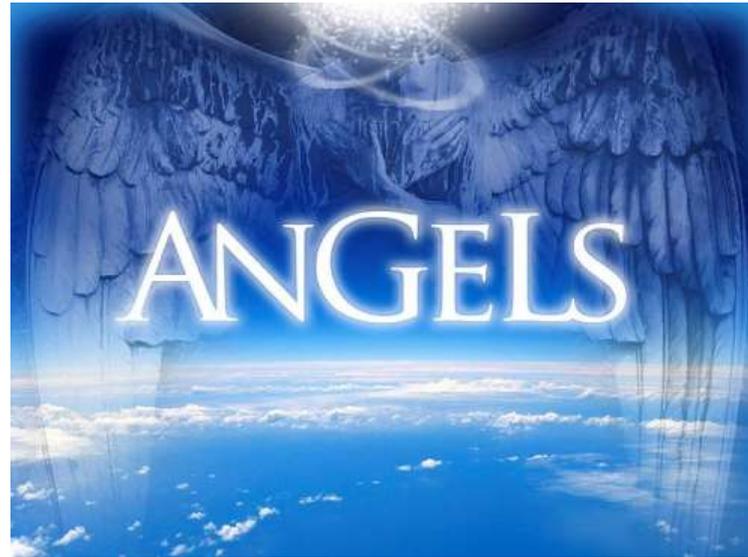
## He knows!

Present state

Marry

Mortal

Mixed crowd



Future state

No marriage

Immortal

(like angels ???)

God's children

**Worthy of taking part?**

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## Back to the Bible

(using 'their' books & chapter name)

“Account”

= real story in Exodus 3

God's words recalled by Moses

The ancestors were alive and died BUT they are addressed as **present** to God



He is not the God of the dead, but of the living,  
for to him all are alive."

If the ancestors' spirits were alive  
then their bodies will be raised at the resurrection!

**He the God of the living !!!!**

see Mark 12:24,27)



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Glad to see their opponents beaten  
Their understanding of the Bible supported  
Truth recognised



And no one dared to ask him any more questions.

They realise they cannot “win” - more dangerous  
You can ask questions if you want an answer

