

## **“WHOSE WIFE WILL SHE BE?”**

### **Lessons from Jesus’ reproof of the Sadducees concerning the Resurrection Matthew 22:23-33**

#### **I. A TRICK QUESTION CONCERNING THE RESURRECTION DESIGNED TO STUMP AND DISCREDIT JESUS:** The wicked Sadducees attempt to stump Jesus with a question about marriage and the resurrection **(23-28)**

A. The questioners’ guile revealed (23)

B. Their question designed to trap: **‘Whose wife is she in the resurrection?’** (24-28)

1. The absurd set up based on levirate marriage (24-27)

2. The question therefore: ‘Whose wife is she in the resurrection?’ (28)

#### **II. WE CAN LEARN MUCH FROM JESUS’ REPROOF AND ANSWER:** Jesus reproves the deceived Sadducees with His truth **(29-33)**

A. Jesus reproves them revealing they are self-deceived being ignorant of the Scriptures and the power of God (29)

B. Jesus explains in reverse order why they are deceived (30-32)

1. Concerning their ignorance of the power of God, Jesus reveals...

(a) In the resurrection there will be no marriage (30a)

(b) In the resurrection concerning relations we will be **like** the angels (30b)

2. Concerning their ignorance of the Scriptures regarding the resurrection, Jesus reproves them revealing from Scripture He is not the God of the dead, but the living (31-32)

#### **III. WHAT WILL YOUR RESPONSE BE?** Learn from the eternally sad response of the multitudes, Sadducees and Pharisees to Jesus’ reproof **(33)**