

The Resurrection of the Dead - 3

In the New Testament - the Gospels

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Luke 14:7-14

So He told a parable to those who were invited, when He noted how they chose the best places, saying to them:

"When you are invited by anyone to a wedding feast, do not sit down in the best place, lest one more honourable than you be invited by him; and he who invited you and him come and say to you, 'Give place to this man,' and then you begin with shame to take the lowest place. But when you are invited, go and sit down in the lowest place, so that when he who invited you comes he may say to you, 'Friend, go up higher.' Then you will have glory in the presence of those who sit at the table with you. For whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted."

Then He also said to him who invited Him,

"When you give a dinner or a supper, do not ask your friends, your brothers, your relatives, nor rich neighbours, lest they also invite you back, and you be repaid. But when you give a feast, invite the poor, the maimed, the lame, the blind. And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you; for you shall be repaid at the resurrection of the just."

Luke 20:27-38

Then some of the Sadducees, who deny that there is a resurrection, came to Him and asked Him, saying:

"Teacher, Moses wrote to us that if a man's brother dies, having a wife, and he dies without children, his brother should take his wife and raise up offspring for his brother. Now there were seven brothers. And the first took a wife, and died without children. And the second took her as wife, and he died childless. Then the third took her, and in like manner the seven also; and they left no children, and died. Last of all the woman died also. Therefore, in the resurrection, whose wife does she become? For all seven had her as wife."

And Jesus answered and said to them,

"The sons of this age marry and are given in marriage. But those who are counted worthy to attain that age, and the resurrection from the dead, neither marry nor are given in marriage; nor can they die anymore, **for they are equal to the angels and are sons of God**, being sons of the resurrection. But even Moses showed in the burning bush passage that the dead are raised, when he called the Lord 'the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.' For He is not the God of the dead but of the living, for all live to Him."

Equal to the angels

Strong's G2465 ἰσαγγελος {ee-sang'-el-los}

from G2470 and G32; like an angel, i.e. angelic.

Only this occurrence in NT

G2470 ἰσος {ee'-sos}

probably from G1492 (through the idea of seeming); similar (in amount and kind).

8 occurrences in NT

Concordant Literal Version:

For neither can they still be dying, for they are equal to messengers, and are the sons of God, being sons of the resurrection

G2470 {ee'-sos} in the New Testament

Two significant passages:

John 5:18 - Therefore the Jews sought all the more to kill Him, because He not only broke the Sabbath, but also said that God was His Father, making Himself equal with God.

Philippians 2:6 - who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God,

Matt 22:23-32

The same day the Sadducees, who say there is no resurrection, came to Him and asked Him, saying:

"Teacher, Moses said that if a man dies, having no children, his brother shall marry his wife and raise up offspring for his brother. Now there were with us seven brothers. The first died after he had married, and having no offspring, left his wife to his brother. Likewise the second also, and the third, even to the seventh. Last of all the woman died also. Therefore, in the resurrection, whose wife of the seven will she be? For they all had her."

Jesus answered and said to them,

"You are mistaken, not knowing the Scriptures nor the power of God. For in the resurrection they neither marry nor are given in marriage, but **are like angels** of God in heaven. But concerning the resurrection of the dead, have you not read what was spoken to you by God, saying, 'I am the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob'? God is not the God of the dead, but of the living."

Mark 12:18-27

Then some Sadducees, who say there is no resurrection, came to Him; and they asked Him, saying:

"Teacher, Moses wrote to us that if a man's brother dies, and leaves his wife behind, and leaves no children, his brother should take his wife and raise up offspring for his brother. Now there were seven brothers. The first took a wife; and dying, he left no offspring. And the second took her, and he died; nor did he leave any offspring. And the third likewise. So the seven had her and left no offspring. Last of all the woman died also. Therefore, in the resurrection, when they rise, whose wife will she be? For all seven had her as wife."

Jesus answered and said to them,

"Are you not therefore mistaken, because you do not know the Scriptures nor the power of God? For when they rise from the dead, they neither marry nor are given in marriage, but **are like angels** in heaven. But concerning the dead, that they rise, have you not read in the book of Moses, in the burning bush passage, how God spoke to him, saying, 'I am the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob'? He is not the God of the dead, but the God of the living. You are therefore greatly mistaken."

But are like angels

Matthew 22: 30 & Mark 12:25

Strongs G5613 hos {hoce}

probably adverb of comparative from G3739; which how, i.e. in that manner.

Translated in AV: as 342, when 42, how 18, as it were 20, about 14, misc 56; 492

John 5:24-30

"Most assuredly, I say to you, he who hears My word and believes in Him who sent Me has everlasting life, and shall not come into judgment, but has passed from death into life. Most assuredly, *I say to you, the hour is coming, and now is, when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God; and those who hear will live.* For as the Father has life in Himself, so He has granted the Son to have life in Himself, and has given Him authority to execute judgment also, because He is the Son of Man.

"Do not marvel at this; *for the hour is coming in which all who are in the graves will hear His voice and come forth* - those who have done good, to the resurrection of life, and those who have done evil, to the resurrection of condemnation. I can of Myself do nothing. As I hear, I judge; and My judgment is righteous, **because I do not seek My own will but the will of the Father who sent Me.**"

John 6:34-58

Then they said to Him, "Lord, give us this bread always."

And Jesus said to them,

"I am the bread of life. He who comes to Me shall never hunger, and he who believes in Me shall never thirst. But I said to you that you have seen Me and yet do not believe. All that the Father gives Me will come to Me, and the one who comes to Me I will by no means cast out. **For I have come down from heaven, not to do My own will, but the will of Him who sent Me.** This is the will of the Father who sent Me, that of all He has given Me I should lose nothing, but should raise it up at the last day. And this is the will of Him who sent Me, that everyone who sees the Son and believes in Him may have everlasting life; and I will raise him up at the last day."

The Jews then complained about Him, because He said, "I am the bread which came down from heaven." And they said, "Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How is it then that He says, 'I have come down from heaven'?"

Jesus therefore answered and said to them,

"Do not murmur among yourselves. *No one can come to Me unless the Father who sent Me draws him; and I will raise him up at the last day.* It is written in the prophets, 'And they shall all be taught by God.' Therefore everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to Me. Not that anyone has seen the Father, except He who is from God; He has seen the Father.

"Most assuredly, I say to you, *he who believes in Me has everlasting life.* I am the bread of life. Your fathers ate the manna in the wilderness, and are dead. This is the bread which comes down from heaven, *that one may eat of it and not die.* I am the living bread which came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, *he will live forever*; and the bread that I shall give is My flesh, *which I shall give for the life of the world.*"

The Jews therefore quarrelled among themselves, saying, "How can this Man give us His flesh to eat?"

Then Jesus said to them,

"Most assuredly, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink His blood, *you have no life in you.* Whoever eats My flesh and drinks My blood *has eternal life, and I will raise him up at the last day.* For My flesh is food indeed, and My blood is drink indeed. **He who eats My flesh and drinks My blood abides in Me, and I in him.** As the living Father sent Me, and I live because of the Father, *so he who feeds on Me will live because of Me.* This is the bread which came down from heaven - not as your fathers ate the manna, and are dead. *He who eats this bread will live forever.*"

John 11:17-27

So when Jesus came, He found that he had already been in the tomb four days. Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, about two miles away. And many of the Jews had joined the women around Martha and Mary, to comfort them concerning their brother. Then Martha, as soon as she heard that Jesus was coming, went and met Him, but Mary was sitting in the house.

Then Martha said to Jesus,

"Lord, if You had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that whatever You ask of God, God will give You."

Jesus said to her,

"Your brother will rise again."

Martha said to Him,

"I know that he will rise again in the resurrection at the last day."

Jesus said to her,

"I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live. And whoever lives and believes in Me shall never die. Do you believe this?"

She said to Him,

"Yes, Lord, **I believe that You are the Christ, the Son of God**, who is to come into the world."