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"In the resurrection, therefore, whose wife will the woman be?"

The Gospel of Luke today seems to be a pretty bizarre interaction between Jesus and the Sadducees. The Sadducees were an extremely conservative group in the Jews who lived with Jesus. They were the professional priest class in charge of the Temple and responsible for keeping the volatile religious climate calm so as not to provoke the Roman overlords. Further, they accepted only the TORAH - the first five books of the Hebrew bible. In addition to despising Jesus – a lowly "layman" in their eyes – they rejected His teaching the Resurrection.

Jewish law clearly stated that if a husband died without fathering children then his brother had to step up and marry the widow so that the husband would not be childless. Different from our times perhaps, for the Jewish community a man without children had failed in his duty to God. Anyway, the Sadducees try using this law to show that in no way would the TORAH ever speak of the Resurrection. For many (if not most) Jewish people there is not a belief in *individual* identity (let alone resurrected life) after death.

Jesus is the Lord of the Word, however, and he shows them that the very title of the God who saves Israel through history – "God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob" – shows that there is life after death. "Now he is God not of the dead but of the living, for to him all of them are alive."

End of an argument – but Jesus didn't come to argue.

Jesus will reveal in His own Rising from the Dead that Resurrection is not just an idea to debate – **but the ultimate reality of all people**.

All people? Absolutely. All will be raised.

But will all be raised in the flesh to Eternal life with God? Jesus is very clear:

"Do not be astonished at this, for the hour is coming when all who are in their graves will hear his voice and will come out: those who have done good to the resurrection of life, and those who have done evil to the resurrection of condemnation." (Jn. 5:29)

This hardly seems reasonable for our culture. Condemnation is ours to visit upon those who offend us.

Mors stupebit, et natura, Cum resurget creatura, Iudicanti responsura. "Death and nature will marvel, when the creature will rise again, to respond to the Judge."

The words of the ancient hymn Dies Irae must be ridiculous

for those who acknowledge only one judge: themselves.

But not us – we say to Jesus with the scribes, "Teacher, you have spoken well".

We see that condemnation echoes already in the lives of people who deny the resurrection:

they treat their bodies (and others) as objects to be manipulated

rather than gifts that are to be treasured.

It is as a funeral director once said to me:

"People who say, just burn my body and don't bother with a funeral are pretty much people who have treated their bodies and others with little respect ... few people would come to their funeral anyway."

Jesus – will be there – even for them ... offering to transform their bodies after the pattern of His own just as He offers to transform their earthly bodies now by His grace of love.

Please God, let them not be cold sneering Sadducees now or even then.

And I?

"Humbly kneeling and bowed I pray, my heart crushed as ashes: take care of my end."

MONDAY, November 7, 2022

11:00 am - Confessions, Adoration & Rosary

12:10 pm- Mass (SI Ernest Fullawka) 6:30 pm - Medjugorje Prayer Group

7:00 pm - Bible Timeline

7:00 pm - Illness Support Group

TUESDAY, November 8, 2022

11:00 am - Confessions, Adoration & Rosary

12:10 pm - Mass (SI Ruth Fullawka)

7:00 pm - Marriage Preparation

WEDNESDAY, November 9, 2022 The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica Feast

11:00 am - Confessions, Adoration & Rosary

12:10 pm - Mass (SI James Sidloski)

3:00 pm - Prayer Cenacle with Eucharistic Adoration until 5:00pm

6:30 pm - First Reconciliation Class

THURSDAY, November 10, 2022

11:00 am - Confessions, Adoration & Rosary

12:10 pm - Mass (SI Monica Robinson)

7:00 pm - RCIA

8:00 pm - Christ the King Prayer Group

FRIDAY, November 11, 2022 REMEMBRANCE DAY

11:00 am - Confessions, Adoration & Rosary

12:10 pm - Mass († Karl Bayer)

3:30 pm - Children's Choir

4:30 pm - Wedding Rehearsal

5:30 pm - Sto. Nino Prayer Group

SATURDAY, November 12, 2022

9:30 am - Morning Prayers

11:00 am - Confessions, Adoration & Rosary

12:10 pm - Mass († Paulino Velasco)

2:00 pm - Wedding

SUNDAY, November 13, 2022 33rd Sunday Ordinary Time World Day of the Poor

8:00 am - Mass

10:00 am - Mass *

7:30 pm - Vespers

8:00 pm - Mass

*Please note, there will be no livestream until further notice

Prayer for All Souls' in the Month of November

Eternal rest grant unto N., O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her/him. May her/his soul, and the souls

of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God,

rest in peace.

Amen

Bishop's Annual Appeal 2022

Thanks to your gifts to the BAA, together we are "Serving Others" – visiting the sick, welcoming the stranger, living out the principles of Catholic Social Teaching and reaching out to the imprisoned. We are providing faith formation, catechesis and enrichment to all ages through sacramental preparation, evangelization and catechesis, marriage preparation, youth and young adult ministry, vocation promotion, and adult faith programs. Gifts to the BAA also support the Friendship Inn, Indigenous ministry, and more.

You can make your gift to the Bishop's Annual Appeal in your parish, online at dscf.ca/baa or by e-transfer to: e-transferBAA@dscf.ca

Holy
The baptism of a child is a beautiful beBaptism ginning of a lifelong journey of faith. If
you would like to have your child baptized, the next baptismal preparation class will be
November 20 & 27 at 2pm. For more info, please contact Shelley at goodshepherd.catechist@gmail.com

Marian Movement of Priests Prayer Cenacle

St. Paul's Co-Cathedral Wednesday, November 9th @ 3:00 pm Call Edna @ 306-382-1680 for more info

Illness Support Group

Do you or someone you know have an acute illness or living with a chronic illness? Come & share or come and just listen to inspiring stories that show that there is always hope! Drop in **Monday, Nov. 7**th at **7pm** (Zoom available.)

Contact Angela at 652-0033 for more info.

The St. Paul's Children's Choir is pleased to present the 2nd annual Festival of Lesson & Carols! Join us as we hear the story of salvation in Scripture and Song on December 10 at 7:30 pm. Donations for the development of our music programs are greatly appreciated.

OFFERING for October 30, 2022

Cash Donations	\$ 796.35
Envelope Donations	\$ 1752.00
Pre-Authorized Giving	\$ 1257.50
Renovation Donations	\$ 620.00
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