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### **Assumptions Cause Problems**

Many of us have witnessed those who "assume this and assume that" without any real evidence or proof of their assumptions. The problems it causes are numerous and often times hurtful. There was a Jewish group known as the Sadducees who did not believe in the resurrection of the bodies.

Matthew 22:23-30 relates an occasion when the Sadducees asked Jesus a question that indicated what they thought about the resurrection. As they approached Him, they asked Him concerning words of Moses about the tradition of a brother marrying his deceased brother's wife so that his family might continue (vs. 24). They speak of seven brothers who died in succession and all married the wife of the first brother in turn. Then in verse 27, **"And last of all the woman died also."** Then they asked Jesus this pointed question, **"Therefore in the resurrection whose wife shall she be of the seven? for they all had her"** as their wife?

The Sadducees felt that since this woman could not be married to all seven brothers at one time in the resurrection (in heaven), therefore they assumed there could be no resurrection. Jesus told them **"Ye do err, not knowing the scriptures, nor the power of God"** (vs. 29). **"For in the resurrection they neither marry, nor are given in marriage, but are as the angels of God in heaven"** (vs. 30).

He then put their assumption aside by this wonderful statement of truth, **"I am the God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob? God is not the God of the dead, but of the living"** (Matthew 22:32). This one truth proved the spirits of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob were alive in glory, thus putting the Sadducees to silence.

Neither did the Sadducees understand the power of an Almighty God. As stated in Matthew 22:30, they did not realized that in the resurrection, it won't be the same as it is now in time. The act of marrying will cease as we will be like the angels who do not marry nor are they given in marriage. They just assumed

without godly wisdom, that heaven would be some kind of extension of the way it is here on this earth.

If a doctrine is not taught in the word of God (the bible), or if it contradicts His word, we are not to believe it. We are to rightly divide the word of God as stated in II Timothy 2:15. Let us not assume anything in scripture. It is the word of God and is **“given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness...”** (II Timothy 3:16). We know that **“if the dead rise not, then is not Christ raised:..”** (I Corinthians 15:16). We know that the disciples and many, many others saw the resurrected Christ, thus laying aside all assumptions of the Sadducees and others who believe not in the resurrection. Until that day, as the bride of Christ, be faithful to our husband.

**“Think About It!”**