



**November 10 2019 // Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time // Lectionary: 156 // Gospel LK 20:27-38**

Some Sadducees, those who deny that there is a resurrection, came forward and put this question to Jesus, saying, "Teacher, Moses wrote for us, *If someone's brother dies leaving a wife but no child, his brother must take the wife and raise up descendants for his brother.* Now there were seven brothers; the first

married a woman but died childless. Then the second and the third married her, and likewise all the seven died childless. Finally, the woman also died. Now at the resurrection whose wife will that woman be? For all seven had been married to her." Jesus said to them, "The children of this age marry and remarry; but those who are deemed worthy to attain to the coming age and to the resurrection of the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage. They can no longer die, for they are like angels; and they are the children of God because they are the ones who will rise. That the dead will rise even Moses made known in the passage about the bush, when he called out 'Lord,' the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob; and he is not God of the dead, but of the living, or to him all are alive."



**Spiritual Reflection:** We see in this story an example of how women were treated at the time of Jesus. The woman would have no say in whether or not she wanted to marry the next brother in line. She was seen as an object and not as a person. Jesus explains in His own way that people in Heaven (and thus in all Christian Communities) treat each other as people and not as objects.

**Spiritual Questions:**

1. How is disrespecting someone like treating them as an object?
2. How can respecting people help make an area more heaven like?
3. Why should we respect people?
4. Why is there no marriage in heaven?
5. How does "hardness of heart" affect marriages?