

# THE GOD OF THE LIVING *from* MARK 12:18-27

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In this text, the Sadducees attempt to draw Jesus into a rabbinical debate designed to make the idea of a resurrection look absurd. But Jesus parries their argument with a simple, powerful declaration of truth: "God is not the God of the dead, but of the living." What does this truth imply, and why does it give us hope?

1. Those who have died are not dead.
2. Those who have died have a different quality of existence.
3. Those who have died will be raised again.