

▼ **The Resurrection and Marriage**

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▼ **Opening Material**

▼ **Welcome!**

- Praise the Lord!
- Welcome to another Life Church sermon!

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▼ **Thoughts**

▼ **Acts 2:42-43 - The 4 Devotions:**

- The apostles' teaching
- fellowship
- the breaking of bread
- prayer
- **Cultural Rivers**

▼ **Overview**

▼ **In today's message we will deal with the following:**

- Moralistic Therapeutic Deism
- ▼ **Why are we here?**
 - Acts 2:36-39
 - Acts 17:29-31
- Review passage - Luke 1:1-4.

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- Review our passage - Luke 20:27-40
- Explore what Jesus is teaching us.
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▼ Opening Material

▼ Moralistic Therapeutic Deism

▼ Principal Elements

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- ▼ **Welcome to Luke!**

- ▼ Video

- [Bible Project: Luke 1-9](#) - YouTube (00:08:16)
- [Bible Project: Luke 10-24](#) - YouTube (00:07:48)
- Luke 1:1-4

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- ▼ **Luke 4:14-21 (NIV) - The Lord’s Spirit Is Upon Me**

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▶ Setting the Stage

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Some of the teachers of the law responded, "Well said, teacher!" And no one dared to ask him any more questions.

▼ Parallel / Related Passages

• Matthew 22:23-33

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▼ The Resurrection and Marriage

▼ Narrative

- Some Sadducees, who don't believe in a resurrection, pose a hypothetical case to Jesus about a woman who was married to each of 7 brothers (all but the first in levirate marriage). They ask whose wife she will be in the resurrection.
- Jesus responds that those who participate in the resurrection are no longer married to anyone.
- Jesus further reminds them from Exodus 3, that God reveals himself as the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob and that, since he is not the God of the dead, but of the living, this demonstrates that all are alive to him.

▼ Observations / Background

- Marriage was implicitly understood as between a man and a woman.
- The Sadducees didn't believe in the resurrection and only accepted the written Torah (Genesis - Deuteronomy) as scripture.
- ▼ The hypothetical situation posed by the Sadducees describes levirate marriage as outlined in Deuteronomy 25:5-10.

- Deuteronomy 25:5-10

If brothers are living together and one of them dies without a son, his widow must not marry outside the family. Her husband's brother shall take her and marry her and fulfill the duty of a brother-in-law to her. The first son she bears shall carry on the name of the dead brother so that his name will not be blotted out from Israel.

However, if a man does not want to marry his brother's wife, she shall go to the elders at the town gate and say, "My husband's brother refuses to carry on his brother's name in Israel. He will not fulfill the duty of a brother-in-law to me." Then the elders of his town shall summon him and talk to him. If he persists in saying, "I do not want to marry her," his brother's widow shall go up to him in the presence of the elders, take off one of his sandals, spit in his face and say, "This is what is done to the man who will not build up his brother's family line." That man's line shall be known in Israel as The Family of the Unsandaled.

- ▼ Jesus describes the condition of the resurrected righteous as "like the angels". Jesus does not say that they become angels.

- [Bible Project: Angels and Cherubim](#) - YouTube (00:04:39)

- ▼ Jesus demonstrates that the dead rise by quoting from Exodus 3 - part of the written Torah accepted by the Sadducees.

- Exodus 3:1-10

Now Moses was tending the flock of Jethro his father-in-law, the priest of Midian, and he led the flock to the far side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God.

There the angel of the LORD appeared to him in flames of fire from within a bush. Moses saw that though the bush was on fire it did not burn up. So Moses thought, "I will go over and see this strange sight—why the bush does not burn up."

When the LORD saw that he had gone over to look, God called to him from within the bush, "Moses! Moses!"

And Moses said, "Here I am."

"Do not come any closer," God said. "Take off your sandals, for the place where you are standing is holy ground." Then he said, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob." At this, Moses hid his face, because he was afraid to look at God.

The LORD said, "I have indeed seen the misery of my people in Egypt. I have heard them crying out because of their slave drivers, and I am concerned about their suffering. So I have come down to rescue them from the hand of the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that land into a good and spacious land, a land flowing with milk and honey—the home of the Canaanites, Hittites, Amorites, Perizzites, Hivites and Jebusites. And now the cry of the Israelites has reached me, and I have seen the way the Egyptians are oppressing them. So now, go. I am sending you to Pharaoh to bring my people the Israelites out of Egypt."

▼ Lesson

- There are other passages in which Jesus deals with subject matter related to marriage: Matthew 5; Matthew 19.
- As with everything we read in the Bible, concepts like marriage and love are defined by their cultural river - not ours. MTD is not a valid perspective from which to understand the Bible.
- God will raise the dead at the end of the age.
- Marriage, as people experience it in this age, will not be a part of the resurrection.
- In the resurrection, the righteous will not become angels but, will be like angels in that they don't marry.

▼ Life Group

▼ Welcome (5 - 10 minutes)

- [Icebreaker](#)

• **Worship (optional for life group meetings during Sunday service)**

▼ **Word - Discussion Questions**

For each question, spend 1 – 2 minutes in silence before you begin to respond.

- **What did this passage mean to the people who first received it?**
- **What does this passage mean to you?**
- **How will you apply this passage this coming week?**

▼ **Witness**

How will we work together as a team to be "good news" to the people around us?

▼ **Explore the Harvest Skills in the Training Page “Big Blueprint” diagram.**

- ▼ What level are you at with these?
 - Are you a “wanderer”, “follower”, “achiever”, or a ”leader”?
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- **Pray for the unchurched people you’ve been identifying.**



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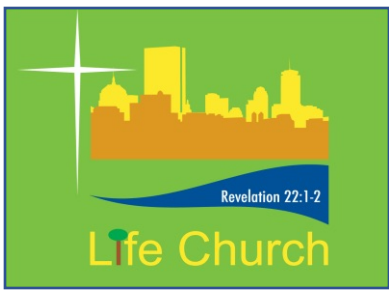


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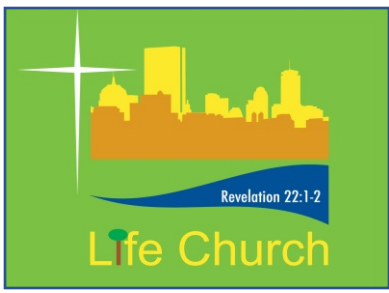
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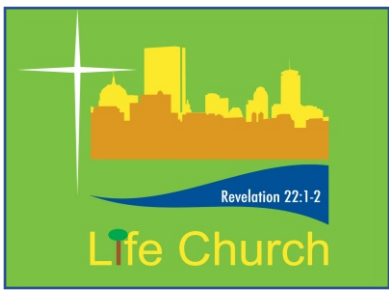
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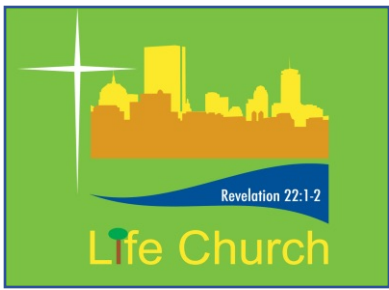
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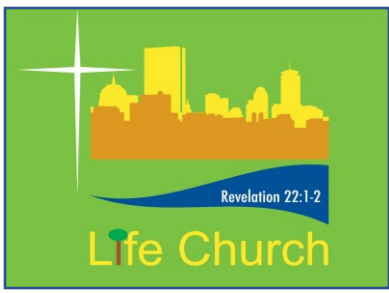
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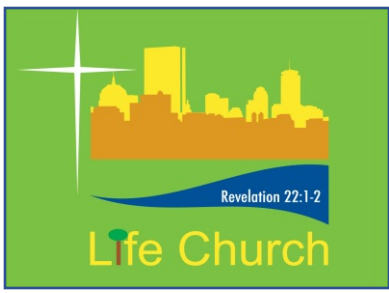
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Narrative – Luke 20:20-26



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However, if a man does not want to marry his brother's wife, she shall go to the elders at the town gate and say, "My husband's brother refuses to carry on his brother's name in Israel. He will not fulfill the duty of a brother-in-law to me." Then the elders of his town shall summon him and talk to him. If he persists in saying, "I do not want to marry her," his brother's widow shall go up to him in the presence of the elders, take off one of his sandals, spit in his face and say, "This is what is done to the man who will not build up his brother's family line." That man's line shall be known in Israel as The Family of the Unsandaled.



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Exodus 3:1-10 (NIV)



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When the LORD saw that he had gone over to look, God called to him from within the bush, “Moses! Moses!”

And Moses said, “Here I am.”

“Do not come any closer,” God said. “Take off your sandals, for the place where you are standing is holy ground.” Then he said, “I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob.” At this, Moses hid his face, because he was afraid to look at God.

The LORD said, “I have indeed seen the misery of my people in Egypt. I have heard them crying out because of their slave drivers, and I am concerned about their suffering. So I have come down to rescue them from the hand of the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that land into a good and spacious land, a land flowing with milk and honey—the home of the Canaanites, Hittites, Amorites, Perizzites, Hivites and Jebusites. And now the cry of the Israelites has reached me, and I have seen the way the Egyptians are oppressing them. So now, go. I am sending you to Pharaoh to bring my people the Israelites out of Egypt.”



Lessons

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