

See

Theme of the Week
Remembrance

Hear

Day 1	A scene linked to remembrance
Day 2	A challenging or contrasting image of remembrance
Day 3	A hopeful or future-focused image recognising that we all called to life with God

Day 1	Luke 20:27-38
Day 2	Luke 20:27-34
Day 3	Luke 20:34-38

Day 1	What does remembrance mean in your daily life?
Day 2	How can remembrance guide your relationships with others?
Day 3	How does remembrance bring you closer to God?

Think

Day 1	Choose one action today that expresses remembrance.
Day 2	Do something today that shows remembrance of another person.
Day 3	Commit to practice this week to deepen your remembrance.

Do

I am that, I am



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A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke

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And Jesus said to them, "The sons of this age marry and are given in marriage, but those who are considered worthy to attain to that age and to the resurrection from the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage, for they cannot die any more, because they are equal to angels and are sons of God, being sons of the resurrection. But that the dead are raised, even Moses showed, in the passage about the bush, where he calls the Lord the God of Abraham and the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob. Now he is not God of the dead, but of the living, for all live to him."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord, Jesus Christ

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A large, bright fire burns in the center of the image, its flames reaching upwards. The fire is set against a dark, rocky landscape with some sparse, dry vegetation. Above the fire, the sky is a deep, dark blue. The overall scene is dramatic and intense.

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See: The story of the Sadducees and the seven brothers

Imagine this scene:

Jesus is teaching and a group of religious leaders called the Sadducees show up. The Sadducees didn't believe in the resurrection—that people could come back to life after death. They saw it as a ridiculous idea. They try to trick Jesus by bringing up a bizarre hypothetical story about a woman who marries seven brothers, one after another, because each of them dies. This was based on an old Jewish law that a man should marry his deceased brother's widow to provide an heir. Their question: "In the resurrection, to which of them will she be wife?" They think this question will make the idea of resurrection look stupid. Jesus, who knows exactly what they're up to, doesn't fall for their trick.

Hear: Jesus's response

Jesus' response clarifies that life after resurrection is different from earthly life, stating that in the resurrection, people neither marry nor are given in marriage. He says those who are resurrected "cannot die anymore, because they are like angels and are children of God". Jesus challenges the Sadducees' premise by quoting Moses, whom they respected, reminding them that God identifies Himself as the "God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob". Jesus explains that God is not the God of the dead, but of the living, meaning that Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob are all alive to Him.

Think: What this mean

This passage suggests that our earthly lives and relationships are temporary, while our eternal life with God changes our perspective on present concerns. It highlights that while earthly relationships are important, their ultimate identity is as a "child of God," independent of their social status or family connections. The story also advises against getting caught up in hypothetical worries like the Sadducees, encouraging trust in God's plan which is larger than our immediate understanding. A key takeaway is the comforting truth that God is the "God of the living," meaning anyone belonging to Him is alive to Him, and His love is not limited by death.

Think

Do: Put the message into action

Knowing you are a child of God and that death is not final can empower you to live courageously and love openly, with ultimate security in God. This message prompts a reflection on what we truly value and where we find security, suggesting a shift towards focusing on one's relationship with God rather than temporary achievements or social standing. The concept of being part of God's family in the resurrection encourages connecting with others. Finally, the story of the Sadducees serves as a reminder to trust in God's wisdom and turn to His word when faced with complex questions, rather than relying solely on human logic.

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