

Jesus—bringer of
resurrection hope!

Mark 12:18-27

What is your attitude towards death
and the prospect of an after-life?

¹⁸ Then the Sadducees, who say there is no resurrection, came to him with a question. ¹⁹ 'Teacher,' they said, 'Moses wrote for us that if a man's brother dies and leaves a wife but no children, the man must marry the widow and raise up offspring for his brother. ²⁰ Now there were seven brothers. The first one married and died without leaving any children. ²¹ The second one married the widow, but he also died, leaving no child. It was the same with the third.

Mark 12:18-27 (NIVA)

²² In fact, none of the seven left any children. Last of all, the woman died too. ²³ At the resurrection whose wife will she be, since the seven were married to her?’

²⁴ Jesus replied, ‘Are you not in error because you do not know the Scriptures or the power of God?

²⁵ When the dead rise, they will neither marry nor be given in marriage; they will be like the angels in heaven.

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**26 Now about the dead rising – have you not read in the Book of Moses, in the account of the burning bush, how God said to him, “I am the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob”?
27 He is not the God of the dead, but of the living. You are badly mistaken!’**

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The Sadducees say that there is no resurrection, and that there are neither angels nor spirits, but the Pharisees believe all these things.

Acts 23:8

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⁵If 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 fulfil the duty of a brother-in-law to her. ⁶The first son she bears shall carry on the name of the dead brother so that his name will not be blotted out from Israel.

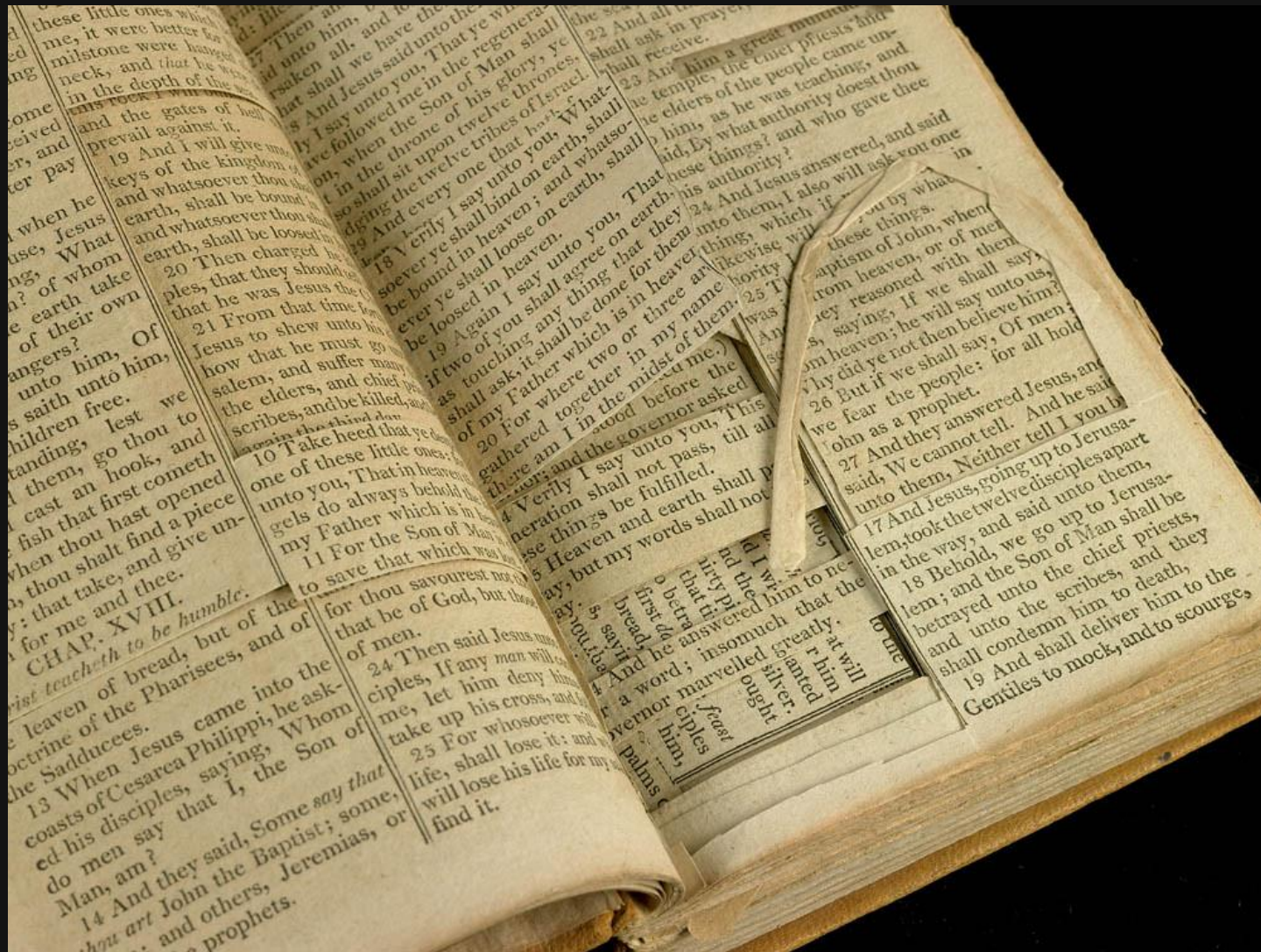
Deuteronomy 25:5-6

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If there is no resurrection of the dead, then not even Christ has been raised. ¹⁴ And if Christ has not been raised, our preaching is useless and so is your faith. [...] you are still in your sins. ¹⁸ Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ are lost. ¹⁹ If only for this life we have hope in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

1 Corinthians 15:13-14, 17-19

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2. Jesus proves there is a resurrection from the Bible
 - a) The root cause of theological error (v24)
 - i. Not knowing the Word
 - ii. Not knowing God's power



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Thomas Jefferson
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- a) The root cause of theological error (v24)
- b) The new is not like the old (v25)
- c) Death cannot separate the living God from His people (v26-27)

2. Jesus proves there is a resurrection from the Bible

¹⁶ Instead, they were longing for a better country – a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared a city for them.

Hebrews 11:16

1. The Sadducees and their question
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3. Jesus proves there is a resurrection by dying and rising again Himself

In prison, the political officer asked me, "How long will you continue to keep your stupid religion?" I said to him, "I have seen innumerable atheists regretting on their deathbeds that they have been godless; they called on Christ. Can you imagine that a Christian could regret, when death is near, that he has been a Christian and call on Marx or Lenin to rescue him from his faith?"

Richard Wurmbrand

Tortured for Christ, p. 98



How can we live day by day in the resurrection hope of Jesus?

‘Dear friends, now we are children of God, and what we will be has not yet been made known. But we know that when Christ appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is.’

1 John 3:2