Jesus Questioned about the Resurrection
Mark 12:18-27

Context: In Mark 11-12, the religious authorities attempt to question the authority of Jesus and trap him in a number of controversial situations. In this passage, the Sadducees attempt to stump Jesus on a controversial question about the resurrection. During the time of Christ and the New Testament era, the Sadducees were a religio-political group that held a great deal of power among the Jews in Israel. The Sadducees only believed in the first five books of the Bible (the books of Moses) and they denied any resurrection of the dead or any form of an afterlife.

As Jesus addresses the Resurrection…

1. _____ the resurrected life (vs. 18-23)
A. The Sadducees could not conceive of a resurrection life and had made a theological decision to believe that God could not raise the dead. They could not find any mention of it in their study of the scriptures.
B. The Sadducees assumed that their hypothetical situation proved the resurrection concept absurd (12:23). If it were true, they reasoned, it would result in mass confusion. (Tony Evans)

2. _____ what life in heaven will be like (vs. 24-25)
A. Jesus deals with their unbelief by telling the Sadducees that they were wrong for two reasons - 1. They didn't know the scriptures. 2. They didn't know the power of God.
B. Jesus then goes on to share how humans in the resurrection will not be married nor given in marriage - but will be like the angels. Humans will be like the angels in the sense that they will not die, they will be spiritual beings, and they will not marry.

3. _____ all misconceptions through studying Scripture (vs. 26-27)
A. Quoting Exodus 3:6, Jesus explains a grammatical scripture argument to the Sadducees that proves the resurrection of the dead. Jesus answer from scripture overcomes the "stump situation" that the Sadducees had presented.
B. Most all misconceptions about the resurrection can be resolved through a careful study of the scriptures.