



Alan's crumbs;

As we continue to study and reflect upon the Gospel of Luke, we meet an interesting group of men, the Sadducees, who pose a question for Jesus.

So, firstly, who were the Sadducees? Well, they were 'sad you see' because they didn't believe in the resurrection.

They were members of an ancient Jewish group or sect that denied the resurrection of the dead, the existence of spirits, and the obligation of oral tradition, emphasizing acceptance of the written Law alone

In fact, the Sadducees refused to go beyond the written Torah - first five books of the Bible, and thus, unlike the Pharisees, denied the immortality of the soul, bodily resurrection after death, and, according to the Acts of the Apostles (23:8), the existence of angelic spirits.

So here they are, trying to trip Jesus up by asking him a question about what happens to a man at the resurrection when, by virtue of their doctrine they don't believe in heaven in the first place!

They are twisting what Moses wrote in the Law to suit their own ends.

Jesus concludes that what happens in marriage is for this life and what happens in heaven is a different story.

Once again, Jesus is not tripped up by those who oppose him or try to thwart his ministry.

Let's see what else we can find and discover about this passage today.

May God bless us in our reading and guide us in our study of His written word.

Warm greetings as we travel together,

Alan. 😊

'Now he is not God of the dead, but God of the living, for all live to him'"

– Luke 20:38

Prayer of the day;

E te Atua kaha rawa
nāu i tono mai te Wairua o tāu Tama ki
roto i ō mātou ngākau
me te whakawātea i ā mātou i herea i
ngā.

Hōmai tōu atawhai, hei tāpae ā mātou
mahi, ki tōu rangatiratanga,
kia meinga mātou me āu iwi, kia tae atu
ki te korōria herekore, o āu tamariki;
Ko Īhu Karaiti tō mātou Ariki.

Āmine.

Almighty God,
you have sent the Spirit of your Son into
our hearts
and set us free from the bondage of sin;
give us grace to dedicate our freedom
to your service,
that we and all your people may be
brought to the glorious liberty of the
children of God;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Sunday's Readings;

Ps 145:1-5,16-20

2 Thess 2:1-5,13-17

Luke 20:27-38

We Pray For;

Alan would like to leave the prayer of the day to the congregation.

Notices

Altar Cloth

Mavis Drake and I are on the lookout for an Altar Cloth that has crochet ends and was worn in some areas. If you happen to know where it is we would love to know.

Roster Availability

AAW will be held on Tuesday, 18th November at 2pm, starting in the Church with a short communion service and then adjourning to the hall for the AGM.

Ladies, a plate for afternoon tea, please and we want to have a clearance of the sales table. If time permits, a discussion will be held regarding speakers etc, for 2026.

Any nominations for committee positions are welcome. All welcome.

Helen

Want to know more?

We have started a spot at the back of Church, taking a closer look at the different areas of St John's. This month we are looking at the different Worship areas and what's involved?

If you're interested in anything, have a read and contact the office for more.

Dates for the diary

Tuesday 18th November - AAW's last meeting of the year, to be held in the Church.

Wednesday 10th December - Wednesday service's last service of the year, to be held in the Church.

Sunday 14th December - Jump for Joy, Sprouts last Church Service

Rubbish Bins

We have received a notice from the TDC about what is going in our rubbish bins. Please make sure you check the updated labels on the small bins in both the Church and kitchen when using them.

Roster Availability

Let the office know of your roster availability for December 2025 and January 2026. Please have this to the office 10th November 2025.

What service do you attend?

It's that time of year where we are updating our records. Please indicate on the sheet at the back of Church which service you attend at St John's or indicate that our current records are correct.

Banners

Another set of banners have gone into the Church for you to share our knowledge about.

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