

Commentary on the Gospel for Wed, Jun 6th 2012

If you thought that questions were always neutral requests for information, these passages show you otherwise. The Saducees did not believe in life-after-death, but here they are, asking a question, the point of which is to reduce such a belief to absurdity. But Jesus did not tailor his answer to please them: the dead, he said, will be “like the angels in heaven.” He knew that the Saducees did not believe in the existence of angels, any more than they believed in a next life. It is a lesson in how to deal with dishonest questions: do not give up your ground, do not backtrack.

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