The Sadducees' Resurrection "Paradox" Can't Trap Jesus

If brothers dwell together, and one of them die, and have no son, the wife of the dead shall not be married outside to a stranger: her husband's brother shall go in to her, and take her to him as wife, and perform the duty of a husband's brother to her. – Deuteronomy 25:5

[Matthew 22:23-33, Jerusalem, Tuesday] On that day Sadducees (those who say that there is no resurrection) came to him. They asked him, saying, "Teacher, Moses said, 'If a man dies, having no children, his brother shall marry his wife, and raise up seed for his brother.' Now there were with us seven brothers. The first married and died, and having no seed left his wife to his brother. In the same way, the second also, and the third, to the seventh. After them all, the woman died. In the resurrection therefore, whose wife will she be of the seven? For they all had her."

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But Jesus answered them, "Isn't this because you are mistaken, not knowing the Scriptures, nor the power of God. *The children of this age marry, and are given in marriage. But those who are considered worthy to attain to that age and the resurrection from the dead, neither marry, nor are given in marriage. For they can't die any more, for they are like the angels, and are children of God, being children of the resurrection*. But about the dead, that they are raised; haven't you read in the book of Moses, about the Bush, how God spoke to him, saying, 'I am the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob'? [Exodus 3:6] He is not the God of the dead, but of the living. You are therefore badly mistaken, *for all are alive to him*." When the multitudes heard it, they were astonished at his teaching. [Mark 12:18-27, *Luke 20:27-40*]

1. This story mocked resurrection; how does Jesus respond? Why no marriage in heaven?

2. How is God alive to you and you to him? Do you know God's power and the Scriptures?

3. Jesus, you are the resurrection and made it so I could live forever; today I will learn more…