



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
R O C H E S T E R

Sermon Discussion Guide
April 5, 2026

Refresh

Read Mark 12:18-27 to get the Scripture passages back in your mind.

Discuss

In Mark 12:24, Jesus tells the Sadducees they are wrong because they “know neither the Scriptures nor the power of God.” Why are these two truths connected? How does a weak understanding of Scripture often lead to doubting God’s power in our lives?

The Sadducees rejected the resurrection because they limited what parts of Scripture they accepted. In what ways do we see this in our own culture today among those who claim to be followers of Christ? What dangers exist when people accept only the parts of the Bible they prefer and ignore the rest?

Jesus teaches that in the resurrection, people “neither marry nor are given in marriage” (Mark 12:25). How does understanding that earthly relationships point to something greater help us think rightly about heaven and eternity?

We were reminded that many good things in this life (i.e., family, marriage, relationships, etc.) are shadows of something greater to come. Why is it important that we are reminded of this? What are some ways our earthly blessings point us to the greater joy of being part of God’s eternal family?

Jesus proves the resurrection from Exodus 3 by pointing out that God said, “I am the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.” What does this argument teach us about God’s covenant faithfulness and the certainty of life after death?

Jesus says that everyone will experience resurrection, either “the resurrection of life” or “the resurrection of judgment” (John 5:28–29). How should the certainty of resurrection shape the urgency we have as it relates to our own salvation, as well as the spiritual condition of those around us?