

Lectio Divina

- > **Read and re-read**, out loud and slowly the Gospel
 - > **Meditate** on reading as being spoken to you, an experience in your life
 - > **Pray** - Thanksgiving - Repentance - Petition
 - > **Action** - Attitude (Call to change / to act / to do)
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November 6th 2016 32nd Sunday of Ordinary Time - Year C - Luke 20 : 27 - 38

We see in this week's gospel the Sadducees set out to trick Jesus yet again. Jesus encounters opposition many times during his ministry. Jesus is in Jerusalem knowing that he is about to be arrested and condemned by the leaders of his own people and abandoned by his closest associates, but is still self possessed and trusting. In his encounter with the Sadducees he is not merely teaching but bearing witness to his own faith in the resurrection. When asked "whose wife will she be?" Jesus replies "she was never just 'somebody's wife'", she was a person in her own right. When we die we are who we are when we lived first of all, sons and daughters of God. Even if we have failed in this life or did not receive due recognition from our fellow human beings but continued to live - true to the best of ourselves, we are alive in the eyes of God.

Who are the people in our lives who have helped us by word and example to understand these things?

Prayer:

Lord we thank you for sending us men and women like Jesus who challenge us to be children of the resurrection, to know that we cannot die once we are concerned to be alive to you.

Lord forgive us for worrying about our projects, big numbers and feeling superior to others instead of realising the only important thing in this life is to be judged worthy in your sight.

Lord free us from petty concerns that the whole world may be alive to us as it is to you.

