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I have been talking to you about Jesus as a psychologist for several days. The Pharisees and Herodians put a question to him in our lesson of yesterday, and today we read about a question asked him by the Sadusees, and theirs looks like a hard question: If a man dies and does not leave any children his brother must marry his widow. If all the brothers die, each having married the widow and none of them leaving any children, when the resurrection comes whose wife is she? This looked like a hard question, but Jesus gave them an answer, and if we can grasp the significance of his answer it will help us regardless of whether we are Christians or members of some other religion. It is universal. Jesus asked them if they had not made a mistake in the reading and understanding of the scripture. He told them that they had made a mistake because they did not know how to interpret the scripture. He told them: In heaven there is no giving in marriage. ~~The~~

The spirit man, the eternal part, has no sex at all. It is not a sex question. The Jews then did not seem to grasp and people today cannot seem to grasp the fact that the spirit life of an individual does not die. As a matter of fact it lives on, and it is not a sex question at all. Jesus made that distinction for them, but I don't suppose they grasped it. Jesus said to them: Don't you remember about Moses and the voice which spoke from the burning bush? God has said that he is the father of Isaac, of Abraham, and of Jacob. Jesus said: God is the God of the living, not of the dead. Isaac and Abraham and Jacob are not dead now. They are still living today. The spirit life is eternal; it never dies; it lives on and on forever. Their physical bodies are gone, but their spirits are still living. It is not a question of sex; it is not a question of death. If a spirit is evil it lives forever and ever in evil, and I cannot conceive of any worse hell than that. If a spirit goes on forever and ever living aright I cannot conceive of a better heaven than that.

These people simply did not understand Jesus, but he understood the psychology of the day in which he lived on this earth. He was a great teacher; the Jews themselves admit that today. Everybody who studies with an open mind the teaching of Jesus

believes that. You cannot study his teachings without realizing that he is indeed the world's greatest teacher.