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CHOSEN BIBLICAL New Testament SCRIPTURE-



This month's **coloured attachment** scripture is **MARK 12: 27**

***"HE IS NOT THE GOD OF THE DEAD
BUT OF THE LIVING"***

This verse is one of the most important verses in Christ's ministry. The Jewish group of Sadducees did not believe in the resurrection of the dead and their opposing religious Jewish group, the Pharisees did moreover these two groups would argue over this issue constantly. The Sadducees purposely proposed questions to Jesus, believing there was not a scripture in the Old Testament from which the Jewish teachers and Jesus taught, to prove of life after death.

The Pharisees never could give them an answer to this point therefore the Sadducees felt superior in their knowledge. However Jesus quickly told them of this verse from the Pentateuch (which is the first five books scribed by Moses) and surprised them by His answer from what Moses had written. **The three patriarchs, Abraham, Isaac and Jacob are still in existence, by the nature of God.**

God had described Himself to Moses at the burning bush in the desert of Midian, **as the God of Abraham of Isaac and of Jacob in the present tense**, for even though physically they had been dead for centuries, their spiritual experience was still in existence. **Jesus pointed out to them not only were they unaware of God's sovereign power but also ignorant of Scripture.**

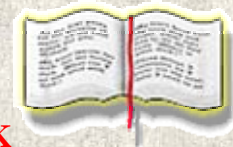
Jesus was always being tested and challenged by the teachers of His day, in addition to His teaching is still challenged today by those who do not believe He is the Son of The Living God.

It is comforting to know The Bible continually reaffirms life with God after death. God brings life; God is always at work giving life to believers and doing them good. **Contact with God brings new life to the spiritual dead.** Jesus, Himself is the way to life in this world and the world to come. **Christ is the way and definition of eternal life.**

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CHRIST AS SEEN IN THE BOOK OF MARK



Jesus is portrayed by The Symbol of a Bull for service and power. He Powerful Saviour, Authoritative and Obedient Servant, Redeemer of Men.



AN AUGUST EVENT- Between 1830 and 1949, China became the largest Protestant mission field in the world, occupying up to 8,000 missionaries at any one time. It also became the scene of Protestant mission's largest massacre in 1900, when a rabidly anti-Christian group known as the Society of Harmonious Fists (the Boxers), waged an effective war against believers. Nearly 200 missionary adults and children and 30,000 national Chinese Christians perished. Among them was missionary Lizzie Atwater who wrote to her family on August 3, 1900 as she prepared for her ending of life in this world very quietly and calmly. She knew that The Lord was wonderfully near, and that He would not fail her in giving added peace which passets all earthly understanding. She kept calm during her last hours and never regretted going to China, but regretted she had done so little. Twelve days later August 15 1900, the Atwaters perished. She had been married for two years and had a child, all died together. When the pressure subsided

the missionary multitude returned, remaining until expelled by the Communists in 1949. The number of Chinese believers continued to grow to about 5 to 7 million by 1980, and has since increased rapidly to an estimated 50 million—and still mounting.



- **BIBLICAL KNOWLEDGE-** Did you know that there were three supernatural acts in the event of God revealing Himself to Moses at the burning bush on Mount Horeb? It was three miracles in one. The thorny bush was not lit by anything of earth or from the sky, it was ablaze, but not destroyed by the flames and amid the burning flames was God speaking. Mount Horeb is the same peak as Mount Sinai.

There is a colouring in page of God appearing to Moses at the burning bush at <http://www.tne.net.au/~abdaacts/bush.html>



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Heavenly Father, We thank You that You have taken away our sins and You remember them no longer because of the Blood of Jesus. Thank You for the Covenant Relationship Gift to us for we were unworthy to receive it. **In Jesus' Name, Amen. +**
