

# Luke 20:34

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And Jesus answering said unto them, The children of this world marry, and are given in marriage:

## Analysis

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**The children of this world marry, and are given in marriage** (οἱ νἱοὶ τοῦ αἰῶνος τούτου γαμοῦσιν καὶ γαμίσκονται, hoi hyioi tou aiōnos toutou gamousin kai gamiskontai)—Jesus begins by distinguishing this age (αἰών, aiōn) from the age to come. The phrase 'children of this world/age' doesn't mean 'worldly people' but humans living in the present temporal order.

Marriage belongs to this age—it's a good, God-ordained institution for the present creation, serving procreation, companionship, and family structure. But Jesus will reveal it's not an eternal necessity. The verbs γαμέω (marry) and γαμίσκω (give in marriage) describe both male initiative and parental arrangement, the full pattern of matrimonial practice.

## Historical Context

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In Jewish and Greco-Roman society, marriage was the expected norm for adults—remaining single was rare and sometimes suspect. Marriage secured family alliances, economic stability, and legitimate heirs. Jesus's teaching that resurrection life transcends marriage would have been revolutionary to his hearers, contradicting assumptions about the eternality of family structures.

## Related Passages

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**James 2:17** — Faith and works

**Romans 1:17** — The righteous shall live by faith

## Study Questions

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1. How does Jesus's teaching challenge the idolatry of marriage and family that pervades Christian culture?
2. What does it mean that institutions you hold dear (marriage, family) are 'of this age' rather than eternal?
3. How should Jesus's words comfort those who are single, widowed, or whose earthly marriages were painful?

## Interlinear Text

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καὶ	ἀποκριθεὶς	εἶπεν	αὐτοῖς	ὁ	Ἰησοῦς	Οἱ	υἱοὶ
<b>And</b>	<b>answering</b>	<b>said</b>	<b>unto them</b>	G3588	<b>Jesus</b>	G3588	<b>The children</b>
G2532	G611	G2036	G846		G2424		G5207
τοῦ	αἰῶνος	τούτου	γαμοῦσιν	καὶ	ἐκγαμίσκονται,		
G3588	<b>world</b>	<b>of this</b>	<b>marry</b>	<b>And</b>	<b>are given in marriage</b>		
G165	G5127	G1060	G2532		G1548		

## Additional Cross-References

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**Luke 16:8** (Parallel theme): And the lord commended the unjust steward, because he had done wisely: for the children of this world are in their generation wiser than the children of light.

**Luke 17:27** (Parallel theme): They did eat, they drank, they married wives, they were given in marriage, until the day that Noe entered into the ark, and the flood came, and destroyed them all.

**Hebrews 13:4** (Parallel theme): Marriage is honourable in all, and the bed undefiled: but whoremongers and adulterers God will judge.