



# JESUS'S VIEW OF MARRIAGE

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*Mark 10:1-12*

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# HISTORICAL CONTEXT (10:1)





# JESUS'S VIEW OF MARRIAGE AND DIVORCE (10:2-12)

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- Matt 19:3 Some Pharisees came to Jesus, testing Him and asking, "Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife for any reason at all?"
- Deut 24:1–4--1 "When a man takes a wife and marries her, and it happens that she finds no favor in his eyes because he has found some indecency in her, and he writes her a certificate of divorce and puts it in her hand and sends her out from his house, 2 and she leaves his house and goes and becomes another man's wife, 3 and if the latter husband turns against her and writes her a certificate of divorce and puts it in her hand and sends her out of his house, or if the latter husband dies who took her to be his wife, 4 then her former husband who sent her away is not allowed to take her again to be his wife, since she has been defiled; for that is an abomination before the LORD, and you shall not bring sin on the land which the LORD your God gives you as an inheritance.

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- The biblical correction (6-9)
  - God ordained the institution of marriage at Creation (6a)
  - God intended for marriage to be between one man and one woman (6b-8)
  - Each new marriage establishes a new family unit (7-8)
  - In a marriage, 2 people become united and are viewed by God as a single union (7-8)
  - God sovereignly acts in each biblical marriage to join the man and woman together (9a)
  - Because each marriage is sovereignly ordained, it is intended by God to be permanent (9b).

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- The only 2 exceptions
  - Exception 1: Adultery (Matt 19:9)
  - Exception 2: Abandonment by an unbelieving spouse (1 Cor 7)

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- E. Jesus's private reiteration: Divorce without Biblically permitted grounds is adultery (10-12)



# LESSONS/CONSIDERATIONS

- God bringing two people together in marriage is much higher than an earthly legal contract. It is a divine transaction and a permanently sealed binding declaration.
- For those of you who are married:
  - God, who does not make mistakes, has sovereignly ordained your marriage. He brought you and your spouse together for a divine purpose.
  - Be thankful for your spouse.
  - Be faithful to your spouse in every area and in every way both mentally and physically.
  - Be faithful to submit to God's divinely ordained roles in your marriage.
  - God hates divorce. Therefore, divorce must not be a part of your vocabulary or thinking.

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- C. For those of you who aren't married:
  - Do not enter into marriage lightly or flippantly.
  - Do not engage in activities that God has specifically designed and intended for marriage. Learn to exercise self-control now.
  - Study and carefully learn God's design for marriage and then pray that God would open your eyes in His perfect timing to His right person for you.
  - Pray that God would prepare you now to become the kind of husband or wife that brings honor and glory to Him.
- D. For those of you who have experienced divorce or possibly even initiated an unbiblical divorce in the past.
  - Help to properly navigate these complicated situations is available!
  - It is not too late!
  - Forgiveness and restoration are readily offered to you in Christ