

“JESUS, MARRIAGE & DISCIPLESHIP”

Mark 10:1-12

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I. What did Jesus say about marriage and divorce?

Pharisees came up and in order to test him asked

“Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?”

“your hardness of heart”

“joined together” “one flesh”

Jesus _____ God’s _____ for marriage over divorce.

Genesis 1:27; 2:24-25

Exodus 21: 10-11

Deuteronomy 24:1

1 Corinthians 7:3-5

“The Pharisees’ activity involved the same mishandling of Scripture which had characterized Satan’s approach to Jesus.”

-Sinclair Ferguson

“... whoever divorces his wife tears himself in pieces...”

-John Calvin

“What was intended to be a barrier against license, some of the Pharisees had turned into a bridge to easy divorce.”

-Sinclair Ferguson

II. So what? Or what does this mean for disciples? (vv. 6-9; Heb. 13:4)

“a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife.”

“joined together”

Disciples _____ God’s design for _____ over divorce.

Malachi 2:16

SERMON NOTES

1/10/21

"Let the husband and wife, therefore, live together in such a manner, that each shall cherish the other in the same manner as if they were the half of themselves." -John Calvin

"If I'm married only for happiness, and my happiness wanes for whatever reason, one little spark will burn the entire forest of my relationship." -Gary Thomas

"Authentic discipleship is not about self-gratification, but about giving oneself in sacrificial service for the kingdom of God." -Mark Strauss

III. Okay, but how can they live by God's design for marriage? (v. 5; Col. 3)

"hardness of heart"

Disciples look to _____ & the gospel to _____ God's design.

Ephesians 5:29

"What most divorces mean is that at least one party, and possibly both, have ceased to put the gospel first in their lives." -Gary Thomas

*"Yes, this spouse might be difficult to love at times, but that's what marriage is for- **to teach us how to love.**"* -Gary Thomas

"Couples don't fall out of love so much as they fall out of repentance." -Gary Thomas

BIG IDEA: The gospel helps disciples follow the design of marriage.