

Series "The God Who Serves"
"Jesus On Divorce"
Mark 10:1-12
Study-36

Each Week, 46,523 divorces take place in the United States.

41% of first marriages end in divorce.
60% of second marriages end in divorce.
73% of third marriages end in divorce.

Mal. 2:16

This passage is recorded in Matthew 19:1-12; Mark 10:1-12

The Thought Of Our Passage: "God's Design For Marriage Is For Life. It Is Sin, Not A Defect In Marriage, That Results In Divorce."

- 1. Verses 1-5 – Sin Destroys The Marriage**
- 2. Verses 6-9 – God's Permanence Of Marriage**
- 3. Verses 10-12 – Sin's Consequences On Marriage**

1. Verses 1-5 – Sin Destroys The Marriage:

Mark 10:1

Mark 9:33 – "And they came to Capernaum;"

Mark 9:14-10:52 – Lessons For Discipleship: Critical Instruction for the training of His disciples.

"region of Judea," – Literally "the borders", which was called "Perea", which means "across".

Mark 10:2

"Pharisees" – means "to separate, or separate ones."

"Testing" – means "to test, to tempt, probing, jabbing, to provoke."

"began to question Him" – Literally "kept on asking Him."

Matthew 19:3

Deut. 24:1

"Indecency" – "nakedness, impurity."

There were 2 Schools of Thought During Jesus' Day:

1. Rabbi Hillel – (Liberal) The grandfather of Gamaliel. He was Saul's teacher. Rabbinical School View of Divorce was very easy going; the course of least resistance, loose. He was diplomatic, gracious.
2. Rabbi Shammai – (Conservative) Some grave sin – sexual sin, possibly shameful exposure.

Indecency could not be for adultery because God's remedy was execution.
Deut. 22:22

Mark 10:3

"What did Moses command you?" – Or What does the Bible say? Have you read your Bible? Jesus takes them right back to the Word.

Mark 10:4

"Moses permitted" – "to allow, give leave."

Duet. 24:1-4

There was a 4-point procedure that would force them to look at the sin!

1. Must be a cause, a reason for the divorce.
2. Write a certificate of divorce.
3. Serve her with the certificate.
4. Send her away.

Mark 10:5

"hardness of heart" – Simply said, "Sin"; "It is doing your own thing!" I don't care what God says, this is what I want!

Un-forgiveness – Unwilling to let God cover the offense.

Pride – "I am not at fault"; It's their entire fault.

2. Verses 6-9 – God’s Permanence Of Marriage:

Mark 10:6

Gen. 1:27 – Jesus goes back to God's original plan of creation.

Marriage Consists Of A Male And Female: “God made them male and female.” – God made them, not evolved.

In The Beginning, The Divine Observation: Gen 2:18

God’s purpose for marriage is companionship.

Mark 10:7

Genesis 2:24 – “For this cause”: What cause? Gen 2:20-23

Marriage Involves Leaving – Severance: “a man shall leave his father and mother,” – “leave” – “leave behind, to forsake”

Marriage Is Permanent – “cleave to his wife,” (Genesis 2:24) cleave – “to glue, melting of joints together, inseparable bond.” (Monogamist)

Mark 10:8

Marriage Is The Highest Of All Relationships – “and the two shall become one flesh;”

Unity – Husband and wife are to be an inseparable team; Body soul and spirit.

Mark 10:9

“joined together” – “Yoked, yoked as oxen are yoked together in unity.”

Marriage Is Non-Divisible – “let no man separate.”

To separate by divorce is in defiance to God!

Colossians 3:19

3. Verses 10-12 – Sin’s Consequences On Marriage:

Mark 10:10

Mark 10:11

Exception Claus For Immorality: Matt. 19:9

immorality – Greek word porneia; get “pornographic” from; “fornication, premarital, extramarital, homosexuality, lesbianism, bestiality, sex outside of the bonds of marriage.”

Exception Claus Permanent Abandonment – 1 Cor. 7:15

Non-Biblical Divorce – “Whoever divorces his wife and marries another”

Mark 10:12

Non-Biblical Divorce – “and marries another man, she is committing adultery.”

Application:

1. In Marriage, We Must Obey God Regardless Of The Hardship – Obedience Must Come First, Not Personal Fulfillment: (The World Is Not Our Model).
2. As Believers, We Need To Extend Compassion, An Open Door And An Open Heart To Those In The Process And Those Who Have Been Divorced. God Grants Restoration But It Must Include Repentance.
3. Those Not Married, Marry Only In The Lord. Only After Prayer For God's Approval And Blessing.
4. Those Married Are Not To Expect Too Much From Your Partner. We Need To Remember That The Marriage Union Is Between Two Sinners, And Not Two Angels.
5. Strive First And Foremost For One Another's Sanctification. The More Holy Married People Are, The More Blessed They Are.