

**Series "Behold Your King"**  
**"Jesus' Teaching on Divorce"**  
**Matthew 19:1-12**  
**Part-84**

**Matt 5:31-32**

- 1. Verses 1-6 – Marriage**
- 2. Verses 7-9 – Divorce**
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**1. Verses 1-6 – Marriage:**

Mark 10:1-12

Deut. 24:1

Indecency - "nakedness, impurity"

There were 2 schools of thought during Jesus' day:

1. Rabbi Hillel – (Liberal)
2. Rabbi Shammai – (Conservative)

Matt 19:4

Jesus takes them back to the beginning: Gen. 1:27

In the beginning, the divine observation: Gen 2:18

In the beginning, marriage – God's solution to man's need:  
Gen 2:21-25

Jesus in Matt 19:4-7 gives 7 specifics regarding marriage:

1. Marriage is a divine institution - (Created) "that He who created them from the beginning"
2. Marriage consists of a male and female – "MADE THEM MALE AND FEMALE"

Matt 19:5

3. Marriage involves leaving – “FOR THIS CAUSE A MAN SHALL LEAVE HIS FATHER AND MOTHER”; The word LEAVE - “a deliberate abandonment, in which it is permanent”
4. Marriage is permanent - (cleave) – “and shall cleave to his wife”; cleave – “to glue, melting of joints together; inseparable bond”
5. Marriage involves consummation - One flesh – “and they shall become one flesh” - sexual relations. Part of marriage which is not to be used as a weapon

Eph. 5:31

Matt 19:6

6. Marriage is the highest of all relationships - "Consequently they are no longer two, but one flesh"
7. Marriage is non-dividable – “What therefore God has joined together, let no man separate"

## **2. Verses 7-9 – Divorce:**

Matt 19:7

Deut. 24:1-4

Moses instituted regulations designed to do 3 things:

1. Protect the sanctity of marriage from something indecent or defiling of the relationship
2. Protect the woman from a husband who might simply send her away without a cause (paperwork defining the offense)
3. Document her status as a legitimately divorced woman, so that she would not be thought a harlot or a runaway adulteress

Matt 19:8

Hardness of heart:

1. A hardened heart resists the will of God for the individual and the marriage
2. A hardened heart resists opening our heart up to our spouse
3. A hardened heart cannot receive or extend forgiveness

Mal 2:14-16

Matt 19:9

Except for immorality; Greek word porneuō means fornication. This word encompasses all forms of sex, premarital and extramarital - prostitution, homosexuality, pedophilia, bestiality and all forms of unlawful lust or sex outside the bonds of marriage

Paul added desertion – 1 Cor 7:12-16

### **3. Verses 10-12 – Celibacy:**

Matt 19:10-12

1 Cor 7

### **Application:**

1. As disciples of Jesus, we need to adopt God's standard of "The permanence of marriage."
2. We must guard against a hardened heart. A heart that resists God, a heart that is closed to one's spouse, a heart that will not forgive.
3. We need to maintain a vital relationship with God. God alone enables one to love spouse and family.
4. If we are married, we are married to the right person.
5. To the unmarried, a marriage is a permanent relationship. All persons need to think long and hard before making the life-long commitment