

Sermon Notes

Divorce Is Not God's Design

Matthew 19:1-9

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Text sermon questions, during the sermon, to (602) 824-8030

Introduction - Jesus moves south, and heals people there

A question about the legality of divorce for any reason

“Some indecency” (ref.: Deuteronomy 24:1)

Jesus explains God's design for marriage from the beginning.

God created male and female for marriage.

(Genesis 1:27)

God bonds husband and wife as one flesh.

(Genesis 2:24)

Jesus' conclusion: “What therefore God has joined together, no person should separate.”

From the beginning, God created marriage to be permanent.

A follow-up questions about what Moses said about divorce

Permitted divorce because of the hardness of hearts

“But from the beginning it has not been this way.”

Jesus allows only one reason for divorce, sexual immorality.

Divorce for any other reason, and a new marriage is adultery.

For more info on this topic: Read 1 Corinthians 7:10-16.

Listen to sermon from Matthew 5:31-32.

**Application questions for 8-7-2104 sermon
Matthew 19:1-9**

Do you think Christians are mostly taking God's view of marriage and divorce or the culture's view - specifically with regard to God created a male and a female for marriage, and God bonds a husband and wife in an inseparable oneness?

What about you? Which do you think your views are more influenced by?

Did you understand the one flesh bond prior to this sermon? How do you understand it now?

What ways do you experience the one flesh bond in your marriage?

If you are married, what hardness of heart do you see in yourself toward your spouse, either right now or that you see periodically? If you are not married, what do you observe in other's marriages?

How do you feel about Jesus' view of marriage and divorce?

Have you already, or are you going to, make any changers in your view (and behavior) of marriage and divorce, because of what you have learned?

Bonus:

Was there anything new or interesting you learned in this sermon?