What Jesus Said About Divorce

Mark 10:1-12

Intro.  
A. Jesus traveled to the coasts of Judaea.  
   vs. 1.  1. "by the farther side of Jordan".  
   2. The people came with Him. "Resort" = συμπροευματιν = to betake one's self in conjunction with another, to pass from one place to another together.  
   3. Here, Jesus taught them again.

B. The Pharisees came to Him and tested Him.  
   vs. 2.  1. "tempting" = τελπάσω = "to put on trial"; "to try".  
   2. They used a controversial issue to test Him.  
   3. "Is it lawful for a man to put away his wife?".  
   4. "Put away" = ἀπολύω = "to let loose from"; "loosen away from, let go free."

C. Divorce and remarriage is a matter of grave concern to God's people today.  
   1. Over ½ of the population in the Bible belt has been divorced.  
   2. The same is true of M.B. churches.

D. Can divorce be forgiven?  
   1. Absolutely!  
   2. Can God totally forgive divorce? Yes.  
   3. Can a divorced person be used of God?  
   5. Will there be a residual effect? Yes, there always is, from friends, family, others.  
   6. You cannot make it go away.
II. The Way It Was And The Way It Should Be, God’s Ideal.

Vs. 6 A. "But from the beginning of creation God made them male and female". Gen. 2:22-25

1. "beginning" = ἀρχή = origin, (of specie)
2. "creation" = κτίσις = a foundation, that which was created, a founding, to settle.
3. "made" = ποιεῖν = to form, to bring about, to cause, an external act manifested in the production of something tangible.
4. "male" = ἄρσην = of the male sex.
5. "female" = θηλή = female, from θαλά "teat"

Vs. 7 B. "For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother, and cleave to his wife".

1. "cause" = ἐνέκεν τοῦτον = for the sake of this
2. "leave" = καταλείπω = "to leave down", to leave behind as at one’s death, utterly for sake

Vs. 8 C. "And they twain shall be one flesh: so they are no more twain, but one flesh".

1. "flesh" = σάρξ = "the outward form", "human nature".
2. Not one spirit, but one in the flesh.

Vs. 9 D. "what therefore God hath joined together, let not man put asunder".

1. συντάγμα "to yoke together".
2. χωρίζω = "to separate", "to put a space between", to put apart.

E. This is the ideal but because man is in the flesh, God makes some provision.

1. Moses to Israel.