

What Jesus Said About Divorce

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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" = συμπορεύομαι = 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" = πειράζω = "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 ^{are} a matters of grave concern to God's people today.

[1] Over 1/2 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?

[4] John 4: 1-42, Vs. 39, 29

[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 ^{the} 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" = ποίεω = to form, to bring about, to cause, an external act manifested in the production of something tangible.

4. "male" = ἀρσεν = "of the male sex".

5. "female" = θήλυ = female, from θάλλω = "teat"

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

1. "cause" = ἐνεκεν τούτου = "for the sake of this"

2. "leave" = καταλείπω = "to leave down", to leave behind as at one's death, utterly forsake

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

1. "flesh" = σὰρξ = "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. συνζύγνυμι = "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.

2. God to us. I John 2:1-2