

The Gospel of the King

Marriage and Discipleship

- Mark 10:1-9 (ESV)

Why is Jesus addressing this subject *now*?

1) Divorce was (and is) a _____ subject, and the Pharisees were trying to _____ him.

Discussions of divorce are never _____ and _____.
_____ are always involved.

2) Marriage is an _____ and _____ of _____.

The Pharisees asked: _____ divorce?

Jesus' answered: What did Moses _____?

They responded with: What Moses _____. (*These are two very different things.*)

Deuteronomy 24:1-4 and _____:

Genesis 1, 2 and the _____:

If Moses' legislation had its roots in men's _____, it could not reflect God's _____.

What then is God's will for marriage? In a word, _____.

Why?

Note: Jesus' intent in this passage was not to entertain the _____, but to establish the Biblical _____ and to elevate the _____ of marriage.

Further implications of Jesus' teaching:

¹⁰ And in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter. ¹¹ And he said to them, "Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her, ¹² and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery."

- Mark 10:10-12 (ESV)

1) There are _____ grounds for divorce. (And _____ is permitted for the innocent party when the divorce is permitted on biblical grounds.)

2) Where biblical grounds are not met for the divorce, _____ is the result of any new marriage.

3) This applies _____ to husbands and wives.

Some conclusions for us all:

Marriage began in the _____ and is a _____. He gives his creation. His divine _____ and _____ for marriage is _____ – akin to His relationship with us.

"_____" are made _____ by the work of God's Spirit in us. We are _____ by Him to be _____ and _____.

Marriages are healed by God doing a work in our _____.

Divorce is never good _____. It is always the _____ or is itself a _____.

The Bible does offer _____ (Matt. 5:32, 19:9, 1 Cor. 5:1, 7:12-15), but even then, divorce is never _____, only _____.

Aren't you glad that – as a Christian – we have a perfect _____ (Christ Jesus) who will never be unfaithful or divorce His _____ (the Church)?

A few thoughts on **God's grace and divorce**: