

Marriage and Divorce

Text: Mark 10:1-12

Context - As his journey towards Jerusalem continues, Jesus faces a moment with the Pharisees where they test him in order to get him into trouble.

In the matter of marriage and divorce...

1. _____ the attacks on marriage (vs. 1-4)

- A. Not only were the Pharisees attacking Jesus, but they were attacking marriage and falsely teaching that men could divorce their wives for any reason.
- B. Marriage is under attack today through the lack of interest in marriage, the increase of divorce, and a cultural distrust in the institution.

2. _____ the original blueprints (vs. 5-9)

- A. Rather than get into the argument, Jesus engages with the original scriptural foundation for marriage that is found in Genesis 1:27 and 2:24.
- B. In verse 9, Jesus adds a teaching and implication of Genesis 2:24 - "That what God has joined together, let not man separate."

3. _____ within the covenantal boundaries (vs. 10-12)

- A. Later, with his disciples, Jesus tells them that if a man divorces his wife and marries another, they commit adultery against her. This teaching of Jesus was the exact opposite of what the Pharisees had been teaching.
- B. We must fight to maintain the purity and covenant promises of our wedding vows. What steps are you taking to ensure the protection and endurance of your marriage?