

# Sermon Study Questions

June 12, 2022

1. Read Matthew 19:1-12
2. The question that occasions this passage comes in v.3 where the Pharisees come to Jesus and ask Him (literally, test Him), “Is it lawful for a man to divorce one’s wife for any cause?” This question is based on Deut.24:1 which speaks of a man being able to divorce his wife if he finds some indecency in her. What does that mean according to the two schools of thought at the time?
3. What does Jesus teach us about marriage in His response in v.4-6? How do we see the goodness of marriage in Jesus’ reference to marriage in Gen.1 and Gen.2?
4. Jesus gives one provision for divorce, sexual immorality. Why is this violation so egregious that divorce is permissible?
5. Though Jesus doesn’t mention it here, Paul tells us in 1 Cor.7 of another provision where divorce is permissible. What is that provision and what is it teaching?
6. What should a believer do if he or she realizes that they have violated Jesus’ teaching on divorce and remarriage?
7. According to this passage Jesus is teaching us that, apart from a husband or wife being unfaithful in their marriage, marriage is for life. What are the implications of that for you who are married? What about for you who are single?
8. Jesus speaks of the blessedness of being a eunuch (i.e. being single), saying it is “given” (the implication being that it is a gift) that only a few receive. Why is singleness a blessing? Read 1 Cor.7:25-34.
9. What lesson do you learn about marriage from this passage?
10. Pray!