

The Messiah

a study of the Gospel according to Matthew / 19:1-12

"Is it lawful ... to _____ ...?" (3c)

The Lord's answers remind us that ...

1. Marriage is meant to be _____.

a. The Lord's travels and the Pharisee's _____.

... He left Galilee and went into *the region of Judea* ... Some Pharisees came to Him *to test Him*. They asked, "**Is it lawful** for a man **to divorce**

his wife for any and every reason?" (1-3)

b. The Bible's _____.

"Haven't you read," He replied, "that at the beginning the Creator 'made them male and female,' and said, 'For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh'? So they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore *what God has joined together, let no one separate.*" (4-6)

2. Divorce is not a command but a _____.

a. The Pharisee's "creative" _____.

"*Why then,*" they asked, "*did Moses command* that a man give his wife a certificate of divorce and send her away?" (7)

b. The Lord's clear _____.

Jesus replied, "*Moses permitted you to divorce your wives because your hearts were hard. But it was not this way from the beginning. I tell you that anyone who divorces his wife, except for sexual immorality, and marries another woman commits adultery.*" (8-9)

3. Marriage is not meant for every _____.

a. His disciple's _____.

The disciples said to Him, "If this is the situation between a husband and a wife, *it is better not to marry.*" (10)

b. His followers' _____.

Jesus replied, "Not everyone can accept this word, but only those to whom it has been given. For there are eunuchs who were born that way, and ... eunuchs who have been made eunuchs by others – and ... those who choose to live like eunuchs for the sake of the kingdom of heaven. *The one who can accept this should accept it.*" (11-12)

Marriage should be _____ by all,
and the marriage bed kept pure, for God will judge
the adulterer and the sexually immoral. (Hebrews 13:4)

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