

"Jesus' Teaching on Divorce"

Luke 19:1-12; Mark 10:2-12

I. The Ministry of Jesus Christ

- A. Jesus the Good Shepherd
- B. Jesus Ministering in Judea
- C. Jesus returns to the Temple
- D. Jesus Journeys to Jerusalem

I. The Setting: (Matthew 19:1-3)

- A. Jesus leaves the region of _____ for the last time and heads back down toward _____
- B. A _____ multitude _____ Jesus here and he _____ them
- C. The Pharisees had devised yet another _____ to ensnare Christ and thus be able to _____ Him

II. The Interaction with the Pharisees: (Matthew 19:3-9)

- A. The Pharisees asked this _____: "Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife for any and every reason?"
- B. The debate amongst the Jewish scholars of the day surrounded the phrase: _____

* This Hebrew word for **uncleanness**, "ervah", is found fifty-one other times in the Old Testament. All other fifty-one times it is translated " _____ ", and it comes from the root word of nudity.

C. Jesus responds by citing God's _____

D. Jesus appeals to the _____

* Marriage in God's eyes is between one _____ and one _____

* Marriage involves a _____ of father and mother

* Marriage involves a _____ of the man and his wife

* Marriage involves becoming _____

* In marriage, _____ the man and the woman together

* In marriage, God has decreed that no man _____ them

E. Pharisees countered with a _____ argument

F. Jesus states the divorce became an _____ because of the _____

G. Jesus states that divorce is permitted for only one cause: _____

H. Remarriage after a wrongful divorce results in a state of _____ before God.

* Are there other reasons for divorce?

III. **The Interaction with His Disciples:** (Matthew 19:10-12)

A. The disciples then concluded: It is _____ not to marry

B. Jesus explains that not all can _____ this teaching

C. Jesus responds by stating that there are three _____ of single people

* How does this apply to you?