

Marriage, Divorce, Remarriage, Singleness and Children
Jesus emphasizes the importance of God's one-flesh union in marriage
Matthew 19:1-15

- I. Introduction: The foundational nature of, and attack on, marriage

- II. Marriage, Divorce & Remarriage (1-10)
 - A. The Pharisees trick question ... *Is it lawful?* (1-3)

The controversy – Deuteronomy 24:1-4
 - B. Jesus' answer rooted in the law (4-5)

Truthful answers are not found in shifting public opinion

Genesis 1:27, 2:24 – Marriage is rooted in creation

What GOD has joined together ...
 - C. The Pharisees wrong interpretation of the law (6)

A legalist looking for a loophole (gnats and camels)
 - D. Jesus' authoritative explanation of the law (7-9)

I say unto you ... Jesus again magnifies the permanency of marriage

The "exception clause"
 - E. The disciples are shocked by the firmness of Jesus' words (10)

- III. Singleness: A preferred state (11-12)

1 Corinthians 7:6-11, 32-38

- IV. Children: A blessing

The church's responsibility to receive and minister to children