

DIVORCE AND REMARRIAGE

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Verse by Verse Through Mark / Mark 10:1-12

Introduction

I. The Pharisees' Question About Divorce.

II. Jesus' Answer About Divorce.

- A. Back to Genesis: God's Original Plan.
- B. God is Opposed to Divorce and Wants People to Stay Married.

III. The Disciples' Question and Jesus' Answer About Divorce & Remarriage.

A. This Teaching of Jesus was Radical and Went Against the Customs of the Day; so the Disciples Asked Him Again, Privately, About it.

B. The Bible Gives Two Exceptions for Divorce.

1. Fornication = all kinds of sexual sin.
2. Abandonment by an unbelieving spouse.

C. "Commits Adultery" - What Does It Mean?

"Mere formal divorce does not annul actual marriage consummated by the physical union. Breaking that bond does annul it." (A.T. Robertson)

The Point of all this:

1. If you are married, stay married.
2. If you get a divorce because of fornication or abandonment by an unbelieving spouse, you are free to remarry.
3. If you have been divorced and remarried, you are NOT living in adultery. God recognizes your marriage as marriage. Stay married!