

MARRIAGE, DIVORCE AND REMARRIAGE

Navigating Cultural Currents

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Introduction: The Sermon on the Mount is our King's manifesto. In this sermon, Jesus describes the value system He expects of his subjects. As followers, we will spend a lifetime striving to attain to what Jesus required. His words demand much – how we are to live, how we are to treat others and even how we sustain a healthy marriage. Today we tackle the difficult subject of marriage, divorce and remarriage.

Scripture Reading: Matthew 5:31-32

- I. Background
- II. Shocking Statements of Jesus
- III. Marriage, Divorce and Remarriage

*The disciples said to him, "If such is the case of a man with his wife, **it is better not to marry**" (Matthew 19:10).*

*"...Let the one who is able to receive this **receive it**" (Matthew 19:12).*

²⁷ "You have heard that it was said, '**You shall not commit adultery.**' ²⁸ **But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lustful intent *has already committed adultery with her in his heart.*** ²⁹ If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away. For it is better that you lose one of your members than that your whole body be thrown into hell. ³⁰ And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. For it is better that you lose one of your members than that your whole body go into hell. ³¹ "It was also said, 'Whoever divorces his wife, let him give her a certificate of divorce.'³² **But I say to you that everyone who divorces his wife, except on the ground of sexual immorality, *makes her commit adultery, and whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery***" (Matthew 5:27–32).

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*If a man marries a woman who becomes **displeasing** to him because he finds something **indecent** about her, and he writes her a certificate of divorce, gives it to her and sends her from his house (Deuteronomy 24:1 NIV84).*

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And Pharisees came up to him and tested him by asking, “Is it lawful to divorce one’s wife for any cause?” (Matthew 19:3).

In what circumstances can one become two?

⁴ He answered, “Have you not read that he who created them from the beginning made them male and female, ⁵ and said, ‘Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh’? ⁶ So **they are no longer two but one flesh**. What therefore **God has joined together, let not man separate**” (Matthew 19:4–6).

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*They said to him, “Why then did **Moses command** one to give a certificate of divorce and to send her away?” (Matthew 19:7).*

*He said to them, “Because of your hardness of heart Moses **allowed** you to divorce your wives, but **from the beginning it was not so**” (Matthew 19:8).*

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*... the LORD was witness between you and the wife of your youth, to whom you have been faithless, though she is your companion and your wife **by covenant** (Malachi 2:14).*

*The disciples said to him, “If such is the case of a man with his wife, **it is better not to marry**.” (Matthew 19:10).*

*But he [Jesus] said to them, “Not everyone can receive this saying, **but only those to whom it is given** (Matthew 19:11).*

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*Nevertheless, each one **should retain the place in life that the Lord assigned to him** and to which God has called him. This is the rule I lay down in all the churches (1 Corinthians 7:17).*

*“But I say to you that everyone who **looks at a woman with lustful intent** has already committed adultery with her in his heart” (Matthew 5:28).*

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- A. Accept
- B. Confess
- C. Ask

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