

MATTHEW

January 15, 2023

Matthew 19:1-12

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Mark 10:1-12

Deuteronomy 24:1-4

QUESTIONS for REFLECTION

1. What is the intent of the Pharisees (v. 2)? What do they hope to accomplish?

What makes divorce a good subject for the test?

2. Where does Jesus go for His response (vv. 4-5)?

Identify some of the characteristics of marriage?

3. What is Jesus' response to their question (v. 6)?

4. The Pharisees counter-question by citing Deuteronomy 24:1-4 (v. 7). What is the fallacy in their question?

What is the command expressed in this passage?

What was the purpose of a certificate of divorce?

5. The basis of divorce is not a command. It is, incredibly, a concession to what (v. 8)? (What is behind divorce then and now?)

6. Break down v. 9. Compare with Mark 10:11-12. What is Jesus describing or specifically alluding to? (Can you give an example?)

7. Why would the disciples react as they do in v. 10?

8. Summarize Jesus statement about singleness (vv. 11-12).

9. What is the most difficult thing about divorce (in your experience)?

10. God has experienced the heartbreak of divorce firsthand (Isaiah 50:1; Jeremiah 3:8). What comfort or hope can you draw from this?

PERSONAL RESPONSE

I will lift up the name of Jesus Christ in my marriage this week by . . .

I will diligently safeguard my marriage this week by . . .

I will practice humility (18:4) & open-ended forgiveness (18:22) of my spouse this week by . . .