**THE TRUE MEANING OF MARRIAGE**

Mark 10:1-12 (Key Verse 8, 9)

*and the two will become one flesh.’ So they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate.”*

1. What can we learn from Jesus who taught on the way to Jerusalem? (1) What did some Pharisees ask Him? (2, Matthew 19:3[[1]](#footnote-1), Deut 24:1[[2]](#footnote-2)) What does it mean that they tested him?
2. Why did Jesus ask the Pharisees about Moses' Law? (3) What did Moses teach about divorce? (4) Was he encouraging divorce? According to Jesus, why did Moses write this law? (5) What does this mean?
3. What Bible lesson did Jesus teach them? (6, Gen 2:20-24) What was his main point? What did Jesus believe and teach about marriage? (7-9)
4. What did Jesus’ disciples ask Him and what does this show about them? (10) What does Jesus teach about marriage and divorce from His answers? (11-12, Mat 19:9[[3]](#footnote-3), Deut 24:1[[4]](#footnote-4)) What are people’s motives for divorce? What can we learn from Jesus example where the church is his bride?

1. **Matthew 19:3** Some Pharisees came to him to test him. They asked, “Is it lawful for

   a man to divorce his wife for any and every reason?” [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. **Deuteronomy 24:1** 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, [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
3. **Mat 19:9** I tell you that anyone who divorces his wife, **except for sexual immorality**, and marries another woman commits adultery. [↑](#footnote-ref-3)
4. **Deuteronomy 24:1** 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, [↑](#footnote-ref-4)