

Jesus on Marriage & Divorce

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Scripture: Matthew 5:31-32

1. Textual Context of Divorce & Remarriage

- a. Divorce _____ in Culture
- b. Divorce and Remarriage _____ in Vow
- c. Men Controlled Fate of Women
 - i.
 - ii.
- d. Two Philosophies within Judaism
 - i. Liberal: Hillel-
 - ii. Conservative: Shammai-
- e. _____ Very Negative within Judaism
 - i.
 - ii.

2. Jesus' Teaching on Divorce & Remarriage

- a. Corrects _____ on Moses Certificate of Divorce
- b. Affirms God's _____ Intentions of One Flesh For Life
- c. Affirms Unfaithfulness as _____ to Divorce & Remarry
- d. Acknowledges God Does not _____ All Divorcees
- e. Continues Speech Act of _____

Who Cares:

Four _____ Issues

A d _____ to do what is right over what is easy.

A d _____ to protect the vulnerable (women).

A d _____ upon God's grace.

A d _____ to follow God's lead over world's illusion.

Study Questions
Fall 2014 Week 12 of 12

Getting Started:

- 1) As we consider how important a topic this week's sermon is, count how many people that you know who are divorced and/or remarried.

- 2) How would you spend Thanksgiving Day if you could have it your way? Then, how *will* you spend Thanksgiving Day?

- 3) Read 1 Corinthians 7 which deals with marriage. How does Paul affirm Jesus' position on marriage and does Paul provide another area where it is proper to divorce and remarry?

- 4) What are some common reasons people divorce?

- 5) True or False: The cultural context of Scripture does affect the meaning of the message and we need to be sensitive to this aspect when reading God's Word.

- 6) Review the other Scriptures on divorce and remarriage from this week's message: Deut. 24:1-4; Matthew 19:3-12; 1 Corinthians 7; Mark 10:2-13; and Luke 16:18. How do these Scriptures differ and then, how do we interpret them as one voice from God? This is a tough question and will stretch you. Please try to do your best and nothing more!

Digging Deeper:

- 7) One issue with divorce is the judgmental attitude that the church can have towards those who have experienced it. Search your heart and if you have had an attitude, conversations, and/or actions ungodly toward someone over this issue ask God for forgiveness. There might be a need for personal restitution as well.

Looking Ahead:

- 8) Our passage next week is Matthew 5:43-47. Why is it so hard to love your enemies?