

Mark's Gospel—Jesus' True Identity Reveals the Magnitude of His Sacrifice

10:30 Morning Worship Service:

Mark 10:1-12

Restoring God's Design for Marriage

Jesus Is the Restorer of Marital Intimacy.

“The Pharisees wanted to talk about *divorce*; He insisted on talking about *marriage*. Their primary interest lay in seeing *how far they could go and still remain within the letter of the law*. Jesus' primary interest was in *restoring* men to the lifestyle for which they had been made.”
—Sinclair Ferguson

- 1. Jesus Comes Restoring His Whole Kingdom (1).**
- 2. They Care More About What They Can Get Away with (2-4).**
- 3. Jesus Clarifies His Good Purposes for Marriage (5-9).**
- 4. Jesus More Sternly Warns His Disciples about Divorce (10-12).**

Conclusion: Jesus came to restore His whole Kingdom. We have seen Him returning sight to the blind, purifying His people of unclean spirits, healing the sick, and many other miraculous signs that are all part of His promise to make all things new and that includes marriage. But so many of His people want clemency instead of redemption. They want independence rather than a return of their true King. But thanks be to God His restoring power is greater than our power to sin. He is able to bring resurrection power to bear on your marriage and on that of our neighbors. Praise God for He gives us not what we want, but what we need!

Ephesians 5:21-33

²¹ submitting to one another out of reverence for Christ. ²² Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord. ²³ For the husband is the head of the wife even as Christ is the head of the church, his body, and is himself its Savior. ²⁴ Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit in everything to their husbands.

²⁵ Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her, ²⁶ that he might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word, ²⁷ so that he might present the church to himself in splendor, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish. ²⁸ In the same way husbands should love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. ²⁹ For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as Christ does the church, ³⁰ because we are members of his body. ³¹ “Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.” ³² This mystery is profound, and I am saying that it refers to Christ and the church. ³³ However, let each one of you love his wife as himself, and let the wife see that she respects her husband.

Song of Solomon 1:2

“Let him kiss me with the kisses of his mouth!
For your love is better than wine ...”

Deuteronomy 24:1-4

“When a man takes a wife and marries her, if then she finds no favor in his eyes because he has found some **indecent** in her, and he writes her a certificate of divorce and puts it in her hand and sends her out of his house, and she departs out of his house, ² and if she goes and becomes another man's wife, ³ and the latter man hates her and writes her a certificate of divorce and puts it in her hand and sends her out of his house, or if the latter man dies, who took her to be his wife, ⁴ then her former husband, who sent her away, may not take her again to be his wife, after she has been defiled, for that is an abomination before the Lord. And you shall not bring sin upon the land that the Lord your God is giving you for an inheritance.”

Matthew 19:9

And I say to you: whoever divorces his wife, except for sexual immorality, and marries another, commits adultery.”

First Corinthians 7:13-16

If any woman has a husband who is an unbeliever, and he consents to live with her, she should not divorce him. ¹⁴ For the unbelieving husband is made holy because of his wife, and the unbelieving wife is made holy because of her husband. Otherwise your children would be unclean, but as it is, they are holy. ¹⁵ But if the unbelieving partner separates, let it be so. In such cases the brother or sister is not enslaved. God has called you to peace. ¹⁶ For how do you know, wife, whether you will save your husband? Or how do you know, husband, whether you will save your wife?