

What Jesus Taught About Marriage, Divorce, and Remarriage



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- Marriage is God’s institution.
 - God instituted it in the beginning.
 - Companionship – Gen. 2:18.
 - Procreation – Gen. 1:28.
 - A “one flesh” relationship:

“ . . . two that blend their hearts, minds, and bodies to become one flesh . . . a man and woman who have entered into a covenant relationship with one another, to a certain extent forfeit their individual and distinct identity . . .

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“No longer is their focus only on their own wants, wishes, and needs. The oneness of the sexual relationship exemplifies the unity of purpose, concern, care, and provision for one another that is now part of their makeup.” (Kyle Pope, Truth Commentary on Matthew)

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 - Male and female – vs. 4.
 - One male and one female – vs. 5.
 - In a complimentary “one flesh” relationship – vs. 5.
 - For life – vs. 6.

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 - When a man and woman enter into scriptural marriage, it is God who joins them together, and what God has joined together man is not free to sever.
 - Jesus answer to Pharisees’ question: Divorce for any cause is not lawful!

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- What about Deut. 24:1-4?
 - The focus of Moses’ dictate:
Once she had remarried, the first husband could not take his first wife back for any reason.
 - Not a permit for “anything goes.”
 - God still hated divorce – Mal. 2:16.
 - We do not have to answer every unsettled question about Deut. 24 to understand God’s law for us.
 - God calls us to a higher standard.

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- What about Deut. 24:1-4?
- God’s law on divorce and remarriage.
 - The law: no divorce, no remarriage.
 - Remarriage is adultery – note Heb. 13:4.
 - The exception: “Except for sexual immorality” (fornication) – note 1 Cor. 6:18.

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- What about Deut. 24:1-4?
- God’s law on divorce and remarriage.
- A tough rule in some situations.
 - Jesus: “If you can’t live by God’s rules, don’t get married” (11-12).
 - Note Jesus’ warning in Luke 14:27-33.

