

### Perean Ministry—Concerning Divorce (c. March 22–27, 33)

#### Matthew 19:1–12

#### Mark 10:1–12

1 When Jesus had finished these words,  
He departed from Galilee and  
came into the region of Judea beyond the Jordan;  
2 and large crowds followed Him,  
and He healed them there.

3 *Some* Pharisees came to Jesus, testing Him  
and asking, “Is it lawful  
*for a man* to divorce his wife  
for any reason at all?”

4 And He answered and said,

“Have you not read that  
He who created *them* from the beginning  
MADE THEM MALE AND FEMALE, [[Gen 1:27; 5:2](#)]

5 and said,

‘FOR THIS REASON A MAN SHALL LEAVE HIS FATHER AND  
MOTHER AND BE JOINED TO HIS WIFE,  
AND THE TWO SHALL BECOME ONE FLESH’? [[Gen 2:24](#)]

6 So they are no longer two, but one flesh.  
What therefore God has joined together,  
let no man separate.”

7 They said to Him, “Why then did Moses  
command to GIVE HER A CERTIFICATE OF DIVORCE  
AND SEND *her* AWAY?”

8 He said to them, “Because of your hardness of  
heart Moses permitted you to divorce your wives;  
but from the beginning it has not been this way.

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

1 Getting up,  
He went from there  
to the region of Judea and beyond the Jordan;  
crowds gathered around Him again,  
and,  
according to His custom,  
He once more *began* to teach them.  
2 *Some* Pharisees came up to Jesus, testing Him,  
and *began* to question Him whether it was lawful  
for a man to divorce a wife.

3 And He answered and said to them,  
“What did Moses command you?”

4 They said, “Moses permitted *a man* TO WRITE A  
CERTIFICATE OF DIVORCE AND SEND *her* AWAY.”  
[cf. [Deut 24:1–4](#)]

5 But Jesus said to them,  
“Because of your hardness of heart  
he wrote you this commandment.

6 But from the beginning of creation,  
*God* MADE THEM MALE AND FEMALE.

7 FOR THIS REASON A MAN SHALL LEAVE HIS FATHER AND  
MOTHER,

8 AND THE TWO SHALL BECOME ONE FLESH;  
so they are no longer two, but one flesh.

9 What therefore God has joined together,  
let no man separate.”

10 In the house the disciples *began* questioning Him  
about this again.

11 And He said to them,  
“Whoever divorces his wife

and marries another woman  
commits adultery against her;

12 and if she herself divorces her husband and  
marries another man, she is committing adultery.”

10 The disciples said to Him, “If the relationship of the man with his wife is like this, it is better not to marry.”

11 But He said to them, “Not all men *can* accept this statement, but *only* those to whom it has been given.

12 For there are eunuchs who were born that way from their mother’s womb; and there are eunuchs who were made eunuchs by men; and there are *also* eunuchs who made themselves eunuchs for the sake of the kingdom of heaven. He who is able to accept *this*, let him accept *it*.”

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