

Let's Talk About Marriage

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Mark 10:1-12

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Recent Events for Disciples

- Jesus called disciples to deny themselves^{Mt8:34}
- Not works but trusting Jesus provision^{Mk9:37}
- we are to receive the Gospel w/o pretense (child)
- Don't limit kingdom too narrowly^{Mk9:39}
- Beware of causing others to stumble^{Mk9:42}, watch self^{9:49}

A Change in Geography Noted

- Jesus final journey to Jerusalem preparing for cross^{9:32}
- Heading south through Herod's & John the Baptist territory
- Pharisees likely want to set up Jesus like John before Herod

Was It A Trap?

- Mark uses same word test like 1:13 Satan tempted
- Satan & Pharisees mishandled God's Word
- Remember Scripture interprets Scripture WCF:chp1:IX

Jesus Points Them Back to Scripture

- Jesus doesn't engage but points back to Scripture
- Their answer showed their wicked hearts
- They looked to Dt 24:1-4 for loophole for sin: *indecency*
- Talks of Creation account, God's plan for marriage^{Gen2:24}

Pharisees Exposed

- Pharisees wanted to talk divorce; Jesus talked about marriage - reveals their sinful hearts
- Pharisee: how far can I go & still remain within law
- Jesus: restores men to life for which they were created

Stunned by Jesus' Focus

- Even disciples were stunned by Jesus' answers
- They also affected by culture, they needed clarification
- Matthew's account expands 19:3-12
- Disciples saw marriage w/ sinners as impossible, but they were not yet grasping God's grace in Jesus!
- Remember POWER of the Gospel (what Christ has done) to help you live the PURPOSE of the Gospel (so that you might live fro the glory & honor of God)

Lessons & Truths from God's Word

- Marriage is God's gift to us and is blessed by God
- Marriage given at Creation and is foundation of society
- God created male & female^{Gen1:27} Sin causes confusion
- Marriage is permanent and between a man and woman only^{Mk10:7-9}