

# Mark 10:1-12

God's Purpose For Marriage

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## The Setting For The "Set Up"

Mark 10:1-2 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. Some Pharisees came up to Jesus, **testing Him**, and began to question Him whether it was lawful for a man to divorce a wife.

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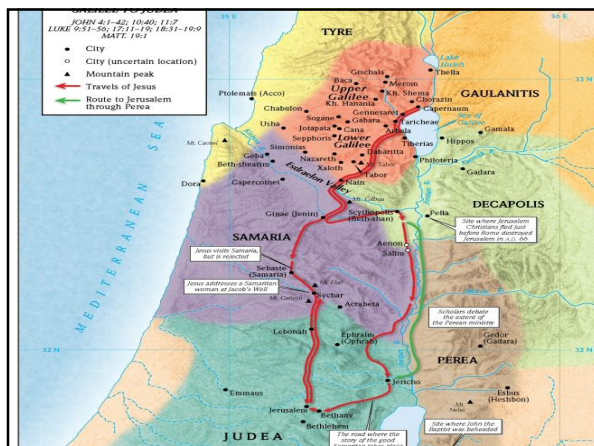
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### The Pharisees Misunderstand Moses

Mark 10:3-4 And He answered and said to them, %What did Moses command you?+They said, %Moses permitted a man TO WRITE A CERTIFICATE OF DIVORCE AND SEND her AWAY.+

Deuteronomy 24:1 When a man takes a wife and marries her, and it happens that she finds no favor in his eyes because he has found some indecency in her, and he writes her a certificate of divorce and puts it in her hand and sends her out from his house.

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### Jesus Explains God's Intention For Marriage

Mark 10:5-9 But Jesus said to them, %Because of your hardness of heart he wrote you this commandment. %But from the beginning of creation, God MADE THEM MALE AND FEMALE. %FOR THIS REASON A MAN SHALL LEAVE HIS FATHER AND MOTHER, AND THE TWO SHALL BECOME ONE FLESH; so they are no longer two, but one flesh. What therefore God has joined together, let no man separate.+

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### Jesus Stands Against Jewish Tradition

Mark 10:10-12 In the house the disciples began questioning Him about this again. And He said to them, %Whoever divorces his wife and marries another woman commits adultery against her; and if she herself divorces her husband and marries another man, she is committing adultery.+

Exelthe = %leaves+(not official divorce)

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**Applications**

1. We must remember that honoring God by keeping our commitments is more important than being %happy+ in this life.
2. We must understand that marriage is an object lesson designed to glorify God by depicting Christ's soon union with the church.

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**1. Honoring Our Commitments Is More Important Than Our Happiness**

**Marriage is a covenant before God:**  
Genesis 2:24 For this reason a man shall leave his father and his mother, and be joined to his wife; and they shall become **one flesh**.

Leave = (azav) %forsake+(Deut. 12:19; 29:25)  
 Joined = (davaq) %stick to+(Deut. 10:20; 11:22)

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**1. Honoring Our Commitments Is More Important Than Our Happiness**

Proverbs 5:18-21 Let your fountain be blessed, and rejoice in the wife of your youth. As a loving hind and a graceful doe, let her breasts satisfy you at all times; Be exhilarated always with her love. For why should you, my son, be exhilarated with an adulteress and embrace the bosom of a foreigner? **For the ways of a man are before the eyes of the LORD**, and He watches all his paths.

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2. Glorify God In Marriage

Isaiah 62:5

For as a young man marries a virgin,  
So your sons will marry you;  
And as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride,  
So your God will rejoice over you.

Isaiah 4:5 Then the LORD will create over the whole area of Mount Zion and over her assemblies a cloud by day, even smoke, and the brightness of a flaming fire by night; for over all the glory will be a canopy.

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2. Glorify God In Marriage

Ephesians 5:22-25 Wives, be subject to your own husbands, as to the Lord. For the husband is the head of the wife, as Christ also is the head of the church, He Himself being the Savior of the body. But as the church is subject to Christ, so also the wives ought to be to their husbands in everything. Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself up for her

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2. Glorify God In Marriage

Ephesians 5:31-32 ESV Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh. This mystery is profound, and I am saying that it refers to Christ and the church.

- ▶ Will Jesus abandon His bride?
- ▶ Will the church abandon their bride groom Jesus?

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