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*Marriage and Divorce*  
*Mark 10:1–12*  
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Introduction:

- I. Pharisees seek to test Jesus. Mark 10:2–5; Deuteronomy 24:1–4
  
- II. Jesus appeals to creation to establish His case. Mark 10:6–9; Genesis 1:27–28, 2:24
  
- III. What happens if a spouse divorces improperly. Mark 10:10–12; 1 Corinthians 7:10–11
  
- IV. Two cases where divorce is permitted.
  1. The case of sexual immorality. Matthew 19:9
  
  2. The case of desertion. 1 Corinthians 7:12–15

Questions for Reflection:

- *What are God's purposes for marriage?*
- *What might be some of the reasons for the high rate of marriage failure today?*
- *How can we encourage and strengthen biblical marriages?*