

## SERMON NOTES



This week's sermon

**One**

***Mark 10:1-12***

### **Observations from the text:**

1. The Pharisees are seeking to test Jesus in order to trip Him up.
2. The Pharisees focused on the exception, not the rule.
3. When a man or woman breaks the marriage to take another spouse, that person has committed adultery.

### **Implications of Jesus teaching on marriage:**

1. Creation sets the pattern that Jesus expects us to follow for marriage.
2. Marriage is of primary importance in the human race.
3. Male and female are from the beginning.
4. God performs marriages.
5. The fall into sin ruined the plan.
6. God redeems marriage by saving the world.

## Digging Deeper Into the Message

Jesus used the marriage customs of His time as a beautiful allegory of our relationship with Him. Look up the scriptures listed and find the analogies for Jesus and His church.

Normally, the father of the groom would choose a bride. The bride often was asked for her willingness to enter the relationship. Then a contract was drawn up and a price for the bride was paid. (The bride was also given gifts from the groom.)

John 15:16-17

Ephesians 5:22-33

Ephesians 1:13-14

Following the commitment, there was a period of betrothal. The groom would prepare a place in his father's home for the bride. The bride would prepare and purify herself as set apart for her husband. Often both the bride and groom would have a ritual immersion to symbolize spiritual cleansing.

2 Corinthians 11:1-2

1 Corinthians 6:18-20

Hebrews 10:10-18

John 14:1-3

There was then a time of waiting for the groom to return. The exact day of his return to take his bride home was unknown. The father of the groom decided when it was time.

Matthew 24:36

Jeremiah 31:31-34

When the groom returned for his bride there would be a huge, joyous celebration.

Revelation 19:6-9

**Application:** Read Isaiah 61 and mediate and act on verse 10 this week, remembering that you are a part of the church, which is the Bride of Christ.

## Community Group

**Icebreaker:** What is the most unusual wedding you've ever attended?

**Discussion Questions:** Read Mark 10: 1-12

**Observations from the text:**

Read point 1. How do you think Jesus' tone and body language were when speaking to the Pharisees?

Read point 2. Pastor Mike makes the point that the law given through Moses because of their hardness of heart was given to protect women. How do you see the heart of God in this provision? Read the last point. What ideas do you have for ministering to those impacted by this?

**Implications of Jesus teaching on marriage:**

Read points 1-3. Share about a time that you may have had other ideas of what marriage should be. What thoughts do you have about how the design of marriage reflects God's character?

Read points 4 and 5. In what way can the church uphold and support healthy marriage?

Read the last point. What about the story of Hosea struck you? Ephesians 5 outlines the husband's responsibility in the marriage. How do you see the role as both leader and servant laid out in this passage?

What else would you like to discuss from the sermon, application or Digging Deeper?

Who can summarize 1 Corinthians 10:13 (from the application point last week)?

**Application:** As a group, discuss how you will apply the sermon points this week.