

# What God Has Joined Together

Mark 10:1-12

Because we are loved as the Bride of Christ,  
followers of Jesus are determined to preserve  
and prosper marriage at great cost to themselves.

“There's not a gospel for the single, and a gospel for the married, and a gospel for the young, and a gospel for the old; there is really only one gospel; and when I learn the will of God for one area of life, I learn applications that bleed over to other areas of life.”

- Paul Tripp

This is a trap (verses  
1-2).

You cannot fathom the tragedy of divorce unless you appreciate the beauty of God's design for marriage (verses 3-9).

"The new life created by a marriage fuses a man and wife together into one, fully shared human experience, prompting mutual care, tenderness and love."

- Ray Ortlund, Jr.

"'If he hates and divorces his wife,' says the LORD God of Israel, 'he covers his garment with injustice,' says the LORD of Armies. Therefore, watch yourselves carefully, and do not act treacherously."

- Malachi 2:16, CSB

The bottom line  
(verses 10-12)



Disciples of Jesus must preserve marriage at *great* cost, but not at *any* cost.

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3. Act in love even when you don't feel in love.

“It is not your love that sustains your marriage, but your marriage that sustains your love.”

- Dietrich Bonhoeffer