

WHAT GOD HAS GLUED . . .

Mark 10:1-12
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I. In marriage, _____ joins a man and a woman together.

II Samuel 22:27
Deut. 24:1-4

A. Marriage _____ in God.

Matt. 22:30
Gen. 2:20,24; 33:5
Ps. 127:3

B. Marital _____ follows God's _____.

Ps. 139:13
Mark 7:9-13
Eph. 5:25-29
Gen. 2:25, 3:1

II. _____ separates what _____ has _____.

John 19:10-11

A. _____ permitted it, but _____ isn't _____ design.

I Cor. 6:15-20
I Cor. 7:3-5
Prov. 18:22
I Tim. 3:2
Heb. 13:4

B. _____ reveals _____.

Ex. 14:16-17
Prov. 4:23; 29:1
Heb. 3:12-13

III. The one who _____ and _____ commits _____.

Mal. 2:16
Matt. 5:31-32, 19:9
Luke 16:18
Romans 7:2-3
I Cor. 7:10-15

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Jesus then left that place and went into the region of Judea and across the Jordan. Again crowds of people came to him, and as was his custom, he taught them.

² Some Pharisees came and tested him by asking, "Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?"

³ "What did Moses command you?" he replied.

⁴ They said, "Moses permitted a man to write a certificate of divorce and send her away."

⁵ "It was because your hearts were hard that Moses wrote you this law," Jesus replied. ⁶ "But at the beginning of creation God 'made them male and female.' ⁷ 'For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, ⁸ and the two will become one flesh.' So they are no longer two, but one flesh. ⁹ Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate."

¹⁰ When they were in the house again, the disciples asked Jesus about this. ¹¹ He answered, "Anyone who divorces his wife and marries another woman commits adultery against her. ¹² And if she divorces her husband and marries another man, she commits adultery."

Journey Group Questions

1. Most of us have a connection to divorce, whether from our own story or in the story of someone close to us. If you are comfortable doing so, share your story with the group, along with the impact it had on how you heard the sermon.
2. Take a look together at Eph. 5:22-33. What does this passage have to say to us about:
 - God's purpose for marriage?
 - How a husband is to treat his wife?
 - How a wife is to treat her husband?
 - How Christ and the Church are the model for a godly marriage?
3. Biblically speaking, in what situations is divorce and/or remarriage permissible? (Matt 19:1-12, Mark 10:1-12, Luke 16:18, Rom 7:1-4, 1 Cor. 7:10-15).
4. Jesus discerns that the real issue behind the Pharisees' question is the hardness of their hearts. How do we keep our hearts "soft" and receptive to God's will? In what ways do soft and hard hearts affect our marriages or other relationships?