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An Exposition of the Book of Mark



Marriage is God's Design

Mark 10:1-12

Main Idea

Marriage is designed and defined by God: Marriage is to be Joined by God, United as one, Bound by Covenant.

Overview

- Posture of Pharisees is accusative
- Asking what can they get away with, not what is most honoring to God
- Jesus tells them that Moses *permitted* Divorce, but it was not intended to be so from Creation
 - Jesus exposes the sinful hearts of Pharisees
 - Shows how Divorce was never intended, only came b/c of hardness of heart
 - Divorce was a regulation of sin not a license
- Jesus describes original intent of marriage
 - Goes back to Genesis 1&2
 - Grounded in Creation
 - God is one that joined man and woman together
 - Covenantal language (leave & cleave, one flesh)
 - Covenant is an agreement, often initiated by God (as is case here)
- God uses Marriage to illustrate His love for us
 - Hosea & Gomer
 - God calls prophet Hosea to marry prostitute Gomer
 - Commands him to love her though she sleeps around w/ on him
 - This was to illustrate God's love towards idolatrous Israel
 - Jesus & Church
 - Jesus loved the equally idolatrous and adulteress Bride, the church
 - We often bow down to other idols and lust after others
 - He still came and bore our sorrows
- Marriage is a high calling that is put together by God, so man should not separate

Questions

1. Describe the current opinions of Marriage in popular culture. (TV, Movies, Books, Music)
2. How does this flesh with the way Jesus discusses Marriage in Mark 10.1-12?
3. Why is it Jesus seems to have such a high conviction of Marriage?
4. If God joined a man and woman together and made them one flesh, how does this “up the ante” of marriage?
5. How can we help create & build healthy marriages?
6. How do we deal with those in the church who have been divorced & remarried?

7. Discuss the “exception clauses” and how they may or may not be in keeping with the thrust of Scripture