

Online Bible Study July 28
Marriage and Divorce
Matthew 19:1-12

When Jesus had finished saying these things, he left Galilee and went into the region of Judea to the other side of the Jordan. ² Large crowds followed him, and he healed them there.

³ Some Pharisees came to him to test him. They asked, "Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife for any and every reason?"

⁴ "Haven't you read," he replied, "that at the beginning the Creator 'made them male and female,' ⁵ and said, 'For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh'?" ⁶ So they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate."

⁷ "Why then," they asked, "did Moses command that a man give his wife a certificate of divorce and send her away?"

⁸ Jesus replied, "Moses permitted you to divorce your wives because your hearts were hard. But it was not this way from the beginning. ⁹ I tell you that anyone who divorces his wife, except for sexual immorality, and marries another woman commits adultery."

¹⁰ The disciples said to him, "If this is the situation between a husband and wife, it is better not to marry."

¹¹ Jesus replied, "Not everyone can accept this word, but only those to whom it has been given. ¹² For there are eunuchs who were born that way, and there are eunuchs who have been made eunuchs by others—and there are those who choose to live like eunuchs for the sake of the kingdom of heaven. The one who can accept this should accept it."

"If a man marries a woman who becomes displeasing to him because he finds something indecent about her, and he writes her a certificate of divorce, gives it to her and sends her from his house...." Deuteronomy 24:1 (NIV)

The Pharisees were trying to _____ Jesus because they wanted to _____ His effectiveness and popularity (v. 3).

God's design for marriage (vv.4-6):

- 1. It is a _____ - _____ union.**
- 2. It is a _____ union.**
- 3. It is a _____ union.**
- 4. It is a union between one _____ and one _____.**

Moses didn't _____ divorce, he gave a small _____ because their hearts were _____.

How hard hearts destroy a marriage:

A hardened heart _____ God's _____ for himself and for marriage.

A person with a hard heart resists being _____ with his spouse.

A heart that is hardened can't receive or offer _____.

When marriage gets hard, don't look for a way _____, look for a way _____.

**Being single doesn't make someone a _____ _____
_____, and they're not to be treated as such.**

We find completion in _____, not a _____.