

***STUDIES
IN
MARK***



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LESSON 36

MARK 10:1-12

REVIEW:

In our last lesson Jesus talked about **offenses**. (What we do to make someone stumble and fall into sin.)

1. The disciples offended a man who was casting out _____ . (Mark 9:39) Jesus said, "Do not stop the man because he was doing miracles in _____ name."
2. Jesus said not to offend " _____ ." (Mark 9:42)
3. What are we to do about the sin in our hearts that makes our body do wrong (like our hand, feet, or eyes, etc)? _____ .
4. Jesus taught how wicked sin is. Sin is the thing that sends people to hell. Hell is the place where "their _____ , and the fire _____ ." (Mark 9:46)

READ MARK 10:1-12

WHAT JESUS TAUGHT ABOUT DIVORCE

1. Where was Jesus when He taught the lesson about divorce? (verse 1) _____ .
2. Who heard Jesus teach about divorce? (verse 1) _____ , (verse 2) _____ , (verse 10) _____ .
3. Why did the Pharisees listen to Jesus, and ask Him a question? (verse 2) _____ .
4. What question did the Pharisees ask Jesus (verse 2) _____ .

This was a very smart question for the Pharisees to ask. This time they thought they would really catch Jesus. They knew very well why Herod had killed John the Baptist. Why had Herod killed John? (Mark 6:18) _____ .

Jesus was teaching in the same country where John was beheaded. Herod and Herodias were still king and queen. If the Pharisees could get Jesus to say divorce was sinful, Herod and Herodias might kill Him too.

You will remember that Herod had taken his brother Philip's wife for himself.

5. Jesus answered by asking the Pharisees a question. What did He ask them?
(verse 3)
6. What had Moses said about divorce? (verse 4)

Some of the people in Jesus' day thought that divorce should only be allowed if the husband or wife was living in sin. Some of the Pharisees thought that too.

Many people thought that Moses said that married people could get a divorce for anything that did not please them. A man could divorce his wife if she spoiled the supper, or burned the bread.

Part of the plan of the Pharisees in asking this question about divorce was clear. They knew that if Jesus took sides with one of these ideas, the other side would stop following Him. This is what the Pharisees wanted to happen. They really tried to hurt the work of Jesus in any way they could.

7. How did the Pharisees answer Jesus in verse 4?
(The word **suffered** as it is used here means **allowed**.)
8. Jesus spoiled the Pharisees' trap without getting caught by them. Jesus told them plainly why Moses allowed divorce. What was the reason Moses allowed some people to get a divorce? (verse 5)
He said, it was for " _____ of _____."
(The word **precept** means kind of a rule to go by.)
9. Jesus told the Pharisees and the people,
 - 1) The reason they wanted to divorce their wives and marry someone else was because their hearts were hard. (verse 5)
 - 2) When God created people in the beginning, how did He make them?
(Genesis 1:27)
 - 3) Because of this, Jesus said that the marriage tie was even closer than family ties. In Mark 10:7 Jesus says,

"A man shall leave his _____ and _____ to his wife."

(In this verse **cleave** is to be joined to, not to be torn apart. He can leave his father and mother.)

He is not supposed to leave his wife.)

(Twain means two.)

4) Jesus said that when two people get married,

“They are no more but .” (verse 8)

10. In verse 9, what does God do when two people get married? .

In the same verse, what is man **not** supposed to do? .

(Put asunder means cut apart, or tear apart.)

What God joins together, man is not to tear apart.

11. The disciples wanted to make sure they understood what Jesus had been saying, so when they went into the house, they asked him the same question again.

1) What sin did Jesus say a man would do if he put away his wife and marry another woman? .

2) What sin did Jesus say a woman would do if she put away her husband and marry another man? .

READ Matthew 5:31,32 and Matthew 19:1-9.

In these verses Jesus says the same things as He said in Mark, but in both these Scriptures, He adds, “except for the cause of fornication.”

(Fornication means adultery, impurity, not being true to their own husband or wife.)

It seems then that the only reason divorce could be allowed was when a husband could prove that his wife had given herself to another man, or a wife could prove that her husband had given himself to another woman. Then “the unity of God’s making has been broken by sin.”¹

When a husband and wife are divorced, there is a broken home. The children lose one parent and sometimes both. Divorce makes children unhappy. Divorce

¹Eidersheim, “**The Life and Times of Jesus, the Messiah.**”

makes children cry. Sometimes children grow up to be criminals because their father or mother did not love and care for them.

God expects us who are Christians to live holy lives. Surely the sin of adultery or unfaithfulness in any way should have no place at all in the Christian's life or thinking.

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