

Divorce (Mark 10:1-12)

Introduction

- What does divorce feel like?
- What percentage of UK marriages end in divorce?
- Where does Jesus move from and to in v1?

i Mark 10:1-12

- Is the Pharisees' question in v2 innocent?
- Where does Jesus refer them in v3?
- What passage do they refer to in v4?
- What three things do we need to know about that passage?
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 - ii)
 - iii)
- How does that explain what Jesus says in v5?
- Where does Jesus refer the Pharisees next in v6-9?
- What, then, is Jesus' attitude to divorce?
- How do the disciples respond to this in v10 (but see also Matthew 19:10)?
- What does Jesus say in v11-12?

- Is this the whole story when it comes to divorce?

ii Matthew 19 and I Corinthians 7

- What exception to his rejection of divorce does Jesus give in Matthew 19:9?
- What does the Greek word πορνεία (porneia) mean?
- Is divorce commanded then?
- Is remarriage permissible?
- What question does Paul seem to be addressing in I Corinthians 7?
- What is his overall teaching about divorce in I Corinthians 7:10-11?
- What if two Christians do divorce for no good reason, though?
- If a Christian is married to a non-Christian and the non-Christian is not willing to stay in the marriage, what might the Christian do according to I Corinthians 7:15?
- Is remarriage permissible?
- Give some other scenarios where divorce may be permissible.
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 - ii)
 - iii)

iii Lessons

- How can you help someone who is the innocent party in a divorce?
- How can you fortify your marriage against divorce?