

# THE GOSPEL OF MARK

## SERVANTHOOD & SACRIFICE IN A SELFIE WORLD

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**Sermon Notes**

**Jesus Teaching About Divorce | Mark 10:1-16**  
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1. \_\_\_\_\_ is as old as time: v. 1-2

2. \_\_\_\_\_ are for the hard-hearted: v. 3-5

3. The \_\_\_\_\_ plan still stands: v. 6-12

4. Children need to be \_\_\_\_\_ by Jesus: v. 13-16

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### QUESTIONS

ICEBREAKER: What kind of physical exercise activities do you like doing?

1. The people of Jesus' day were just as confused about controversial topics as people are today. How did Jesus combat cultural confusion that helps us set a clear course in our cultural moment [cf. Matthew 7:28-29; John 7:14-19; and 2 Timothy 4:1-5]?
2. Mark 10:2 was a "loaded question". Jesus had just entered the territory governed by Herod Antipas who had earlier beheaded John the Baptist over this same issue. And there was a crowd in attendance as well [Mark 10:1]. From this text, what is an effective way of handling such tests [cf. Matthew 22:18; 1 Corinthians 10:13; and Revelation 2:2-3]?
3. When Jesus responded to the question in Mark 10:3, where was He directing them? Why is this an important step to answer hostile critics [Psalm 19:7-11; 2 Timothy 3:16-17; and 2 Peter 1:19-21]?
4. What is the root of the divorce problem according to Jesus in Mark 10:5? How does knowing this help us address relational breakdowns [cf. Ezekiel 3:7; Malachi 2:13-16; and Ephesians 5:21-33]?
5. What timeless principles of marriage do you pick up from Jesus' comments in Mark 10:6-9 [cf. Genesis 2:18-25; Colossians 3:18-19; and 1 Peter 3:1-7]?
6. Matthew 19:10 records the disciples' alarmed reaction to Jesus' conclusions on divorce and remarriage in Mark 10:10-12. How does this teaching of Jesus affect you? How does God's view of marriage relationships contrast with our culture's views [cf. Matthew 5:32; Luke 16:18; and Romans 7:2-3]?
7. What did you find helpful or challenging about this Sunday's message?

"In sharp contrast with our culture, the Bible teaches that the essence of marriage is a sacrificial commitment to the good of the other. That means that love is more fundamentally action than emotion." (Tim Keller)