

# The Meaning Of Marriage

## Mark 10:1-12

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- Last Week: Missions Conference- Understanding The Great Commission - **Matt. 28:16-20**
- Jesus Is Leaving Galilee For The \_\_\_\_\_ Before He Goes To The Cross
- Jesus Sought Seclusion With The Disciples But Now Jesus Is Also Teaching \_\_\_\_\_
- Mark 1-9 Is Full Of Mighty Miracles—Mark 10-15 Only A \_\_\_\_\_ Miracle Is Mentioned
- Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ On: Marriage, Children, Money, & Position/Power (**Mark 10**)

### The Call To Honor Marriage

- **ἐπερωτάω** (eperotao) - ask, question, test, interrogate (**Mark 10:2, Mark 14:60**)
1. We All Should Honor Marriage: The \_\_\_\_\_ Intention (**Mark 10:9**)
    - \_\_\_\_\_ Is A God Instituted Covenantal Heterosexual Relationship Between One Man & One Woman (**Mark 10:6-9, Genesis 2:24, Malachi 2:14-15, 1 Corinthians 6:16, Ephesians 5:31**).
  2. Marriage Was Made For Our \_\_\_\_\_, But Often Marriage Is Not \_\_\_\_\_ (**Mark 10:6-7, Genesis 1:27, 31; 2:18**)
  3. We All \_\_\_\_\_ Of Honoring Marriage Rightly: The Human Failure (**Mark 10:2**)
    - God Knew This, Moses Knew This, Jesus Knew This (**Mark 10:10-12, Deut. 24:1-4**)
    - The Law Was \_\_\_\_\_, Not Because People Were Perfect, But Because People Were Sinful (**1 Timothy 1:8-11**)

### The Heart Of The Problem

- **σκληροκαρδία** (sklerokardia) - an unyielding frame of mind, hardness of heart, coldness, obstinacy, stubbornness (Used 3 times In NT- **Mark 10:5**, different than **Mark 8:17, Matt. 19:8, Mark 16:14**)
1. \_\_\_\_\_ Hearts Are The Heart Of The Problem (**Mark 10:5**)
  2. \_\_\_\_\_ Heart Is The Heart Of The Problem (**Mark 10:5, Colossians 3:18-19**)
  3. \_\_\_\_\_ Heart Is Also At The Heart Of The Problem (**Mark 10:5, 2-5, Deut. 10:15-18**)

### How Jesus Honored Marriage

1. Jesus Honored Marriage By \_\_\_\_\_ Clearly About The True Nature Of Marriage  
(**Mark 10:1, 6-9**)
2. Jesus Honored Marriage By \_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_ His Ministry With A Wedding (**John 2:1-11, Revelation 19:6-9**)
3. Jesus Supremely Honored The Marriage Covenant By \_\_\_\_\_ Himself To Rescue His Bride (**Ephesians 5:25-32, Mark 10:45, Deut. 10:15-17**)

### How We Can Now Honor Marriage

- **T**\_\_\_\_\_ Christ For Forgiveness (**Mark 2:5, 3:28**)
- **R**\_\_\_\_\_ & Revere Marriage (**Hebrews 13:4**)
- **U**\_\_\_\_\_ God's View Of Marriage (**Mark 10:6-9, Gen. 1:27, 2:18-25, 1 Corinthians 7, Malachi 2:13-16**)
- **S**\_\_\_\_\_ & Seek To Serve In Your Own Marriage & Other Marriages (**Mk. 10:7-9, 9:35**)
- **T**\_\_\_\_\_ By Speaking The Truth In Love (**Mark 10:1-11, Ephesians 4:15**)

*“God, the best maker of all marriages, Combine your hearts in one.”*  
— William Shakespeare, *Henry V*

### **Community Group Discussion Questions:**

1. Jesus holds marriage in high esteem. What are some of the reasons that Jesus esteems marriage so highly?
2. How does a hard heart affect a marriage? How can a heart be softened? How does Jesus soften our hearts through His word at the Cross?
3. How would you respond to someone who says, “I’ll just get divorced and remarried, then I’ll ask God to forgive me”?
4. How can you honor marriage this week? Your own marriage or the marriages around you?

**Suggested Reading:** The Meaning of Marriage, Timothy Keller

**Key Words For Kids To Count:** Marriage, Married