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THE QUESTION OF DIVORCE

¹When Jesus had finished saying these things, he departed from Galilee and went to the region of Judea across the Jordan. ²Large crowds followed him, and he healed them there. ³Some Pharisees approached him to test him. They asked, "Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife on any grounds?"



Matthew 19:1-10

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

⁷"Why then," they asked him, "did Moses command us to give divorce papers and to send her away?"



Matthew 19:1-10

⁸He told them, "Moses permitted you to divorce your wives because of the hardness of your hearts, but it was not like that from the beginning. ⁹I tell you, whoever divorces his wife, except for sexual immorality, and marries another commits adultery."

¹⁰His disciples said to him, "If the relationship of a man with his wife is like this, it's better not to marry."

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⁵³Then each one went to his house. ¹But Jesus went to the Mount of Olives.

²At dawn he went to the temple again, and all the people were coming to him. He sat down and began to teach them.



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³Then the scribes and the Pharisees brought a woman caught in adultery, making her stand in the center.

⁴"Teacher," they said to him, "this woman was caught in the act of committing adultery. ⁵In the law Moses commanded us to stone such women. So what do you say?" ⁶They asked this to trap him, in order that they might have evidence to accuse him.



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Exodus 31:18

THE TWO STONE TABLETS

¹⁸When he finished speaking with Moses on Mount Sinai, he gave him the two tablets of the testimony, stone tablets inscribed by the finger of God.



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Jesus stooped down and started writing on the ground with his finger. ⁷When they persisted in questioning him, he stood up and said to them, "The one without sin among you should be the first to throw a stone at her."



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⁸Then he stooped down again and continued writing on the ground. ⁹When they heard this, they left one by one, starting with the older men. Only he was left, with the woman in the center.

No eye contact yet
with the woman



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¹⁰When Jesus stood up, he said to her, "Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?"

¹¹"No one, Lord," she answered.

"Neither do I condemn you," said Jesus. "Go, and from now on do not sin anymore."



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