

Upside Down Living



Divorce and the Heart: What Did Jesus Really Say?

Matthew 5:31-32

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Three wrong views during the time of Jesus:

It was expected that everyone would _____

_____ was not _____

_____ were not valued

Religious leaders were _____ in a _____

Two Schools of thought

Rabbi Shammai

Rabbi Hillel

Marriage is a _____ of _____

Jesus doesn't _____

Divorce is _____ when a _____ has been _____

Divorce is _____ when a _____ is _____

Get some _____

What if my divorce was _____?

Questions To Think About

1. Read Matthew 5:31-32. Have you, yourself or anyone close to you experienced a divorce? What has been the impact?
2. How does our society's view of marriage and divorce compare to what Jesus teaches here? What similarities or differences do you see?
3. Read Matthew 19:3-6. Jesus doesn't answer their question. Why do you think Jesus emphasizes faithfulness in marriage? What does it reveal about God's character and intention for marriage?
4. How should Christians approach marriage, knowing that Jesus takes it very seriously?
5. What does Jesus mean by "sexual immorality" in marriage, and why is it given as grounds for divorce?
6. How might these verses apply in today's world, where marriage and divorce are viewed differently than in Jesus' day?
7. What role does forgiveness and reconciliation play when marriage becomes difficult, according to the Bible?
8. Jesus mentions divorce as a last resort for unfaithfulness. How can couples strengthen their marriage to avoid reaching that point?
9. If someone you know is struggling in their marriage, how might you support and encourage them in a way that honors these teachings?