

Sermon Notes – September 1, 2024

Jesus on Marriage and Divorce (*Mark 10:1-12*)

- I. The Plot of the Pharisees. (*Vss. 1-2*)
 - A. Herodias and Herod Antipas.
 - 1. The death of John the Baptist.
 - B. Hillel Vs. Shammai.
 - 1. The school of Hillel: “He may divorce her even if she spoiled a dish for him.”
 - 2. The school of Shammai: “A man may not divorce his wife unless he has found unchastity in her.”
 - 3. R. Akiva, Jewish rabbi, (50 -135 AD): “Even if he found another fairer than she.”
 - C. Roman law vs. Jewish law: Josephus: “Salome had a quarrel with Costobar and sent him a document that dissolved their marriage, although this was not according to Jewish law. With us it is lawful for a husband to do this, but a divorced woman by herself may not marry unless her first husband permits it.” (*Antiquities 15.7.10*) (*Vs. 12*)

- II. The Answer of Jesus. (*Vss. 3-12*)
 - A. The Law of Moses: Genesis 1:27.
 - B. The foundation of the home: Genesis 2:18-23.
 - C. The permanence of marriage: Genesis 2:24,25.
 - 1. A new family unit established.
 - 2. A sexual ethic established.

- III. The Grace of God. (*Vs. 4*)
 - A. The certificate of divorce: Deuteronomy 24:1ff
 - B. The exception clause: Matthew 19.
 - C. The unpardonable sin: God hates divorce; He does not hate divorced people.