

**Marriage as Originally Intended**  
**Mark 10:1-12**

**Question: Is divorce permitted by God? 1,2**

- What motivated this “testing”? Recall that Herod Antipas governs here.
- Q. = grounds for divorce → “no-fault” or someone’s fault, Matt. 19:3.

**Answer: God’s intent for marriage is to be permanent. 3-9**

- Counterquestion and correction—Dt. 24:1-4 was a procedural concession in view of hard-heartedness, not a license for divorce on demand!
- The best text for the divorce issue is one on marriage, Gen. 1:27, 2:24.  
10:9 is Jesus’ conclusion on divorce based upon God’s creation design.  
Mal. 2:14-16 shows God’s frustration w/a fast and loose divorce policy.
- Unlike here or in Lk. 16:18, Matt. 5:32, 19:9 does record an “exception clause,” allowing for a legitimate divorce. See also in I Cor. 7:15.

**Explanation: Divorce and remarriage can cause adultery. 10-12**

- Jesus’ narrow view of divorce really bothered the 12, see Matt. 19:10ff.
- What do you think the disciples were asking Jesus in the house?
- What do you think any women overhearing all this would have thought?

Question: What should I realize before I get married?  
What should I do if my marriage might be in trouble?

**Therefore what**  
  
**God**  
**has joined together,**  
**let not ~~man~~ separate.**

**Mark 10:9**