

Sacred Marriage

Matthew 19:1-12 NIV

1. DOES JESUS SUPPORT _____?

Mt 19:1–3 *When Jesus had finished saying these things, he left Galilee and went into the region of Judea to the other side of the Jordan. Large crowds followed him, and he healed them there. Some Pharisees came to him to test him. They asked, “Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife for any and every reason?”*

2. GOD’S MARRIAGE FORMULA: _____.

Mt 19:4-6 *“Haven’t you read,” he replied, “that at the beginning the Creator ‘made them male and female,’ and said, ‘For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh’? So they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore, what God has joined together, let no one separate.”*

3. DIVORCE IS SOMETIMES PERMITTED _____.

Mt 19:7-9 *“Why then,” they asked, “did Moses command that a man give his wife a certificate of divorce and send her away?” Jesus replied, “Moses permitted you to divorce your wives because your hearts were hard. But it was not this way from the beginning. I tell you that anyone who divorces his wife, except for sexual immorality, and marries another woman commits adultery.”*

Are there other Biblical exceptions to divorce?

1 Corinthians 7:15 *But if the unbeliever leaves, let it be so. The brother or the sister is not bound in such circumstances; God has called us to live in peace.*

Is remarriage after divorce ever permissible?

4. A BIBLICAL ALTERNATIVE TO MARRIAGE: _____.

Mt 19:10-12 *The disciples said to him, “If this is the situation between a husband and wife, it is better not to marry.” Jesus replied, “Not everyone can accept this word, but only those to whom it has been given. For there are eunuchs who were born that way, and there are eunuchs who have been made eunuchs by others—and there are those who choose to live like eunuchs for the sake of the kingdom of heaven. The one who can accept this should accept it.”*

Marriage isn’t for everyone.

1. Some are born with no desire to marry.
2. Some are prohibited by circumstances.
3. Some choose not to marry to serve the Lord better. (e.g. Apostle Paul)