

Series: Sermon on the Mount
Message – “Jesus on Divorce” Pt. 1.

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Matthew 5:31-32

The Big Idea: Marriage holds a unique place in the Bible. Nothing else joins two image bearers together as one, serves to display the relationship between Christ and the church, and gives two people the opportunity to display God’s glory like marriage.

I. Review - Living life like Jesus...

A. Called to be DIFFERENT

B. COMPARISONS that make it clear

II. God’s perspective on marriage and divorce

A. What we know about marriage

1. The FOUNDATION of marriage is the BIBLE

2. The HOPE of marriage is the GOSPEL

3. The GOAL of marriage is the GLORY of God

B. What we know about divorce

1. What couples do when things “go bad”

2. God’s PERSPECTIVE on divorce is in Malachi 2

- What God SAYS

- What God did NOT say...

- I hate divorced PEOPLE

- Divorce is the ONLY thing I hate

- Divorce is NEVER allowed in any circumstance

- Why God says it...

- Because divorce VIOLATES his perfect plan for his highest creation

- Because divorce involves the breaking of a COVENANT

- Because divorce causes great PAIN

III. What we take away...

You’re living out your marriage in a fallen world – be on guard
– be humble

Resources: The Meaning of Marriage – Tim Keller; Sacred Marriage – Gary Thomas; What Did You Expect – Paul Tripp; Mystery of Marriage Mike Mason; Divorce-Proof Your Marriage – Dr. Gary & Barb Rosberg