

## “JESUS & DIVORCE”

Matthew 5:31-32; 19:3-9

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*“It has been said, ‘Anyone who divorces his wife must give her a certificate of divorce.’<sup>1,32</sup> But I tell you that anyone who divorces his wife, except for marital unfaithfulness, causes her to become an adulteress, and anyone who marries the divorced woman commits adultery.”*

**Matthew 5:31-32 (NIV)**

*“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?’<sup>4</sup> ‘Haven’t you read,’ he replied, ‘that at the beginning the Creator ‘made them male and female,’<sup>5</sup> 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’?<sup>6</sup> So they are no longer two, but one. Therefore what God has joined together, let man not separate.’<sup>7</sup> ‘Why then,’ they asked, ‘did Moses command that a man give his wife a certificate of divorce and send her away?’<sup>8</sup> Jesus replied, ‘Moses permitted you to divorce your wives because your hearts were hard. But it was not this way from the beginning.<sup>9</sup> I tell you that anyone who divorces his wife, except for marital unfaithfulness, and marries another woman commits adultery’”* **Matthew 19:3-9 (NIV)**

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**CURT'S OPINION: (Four Personal Opinions)**

**1. GOD'S PERFECT PLAN SINCE CREATION IS ONE MAN AND ONE WOMAN COMMITTED TO GOD AND EACH OTHER FOR LIFE.**

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<sup>5</sup> 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'? <sup>6</sup> So they are no longer two, but one. Therefore what God has joined together, let man not separate.” **Matthew 19:4-6**

**2. BECAUSE OF SIN, GOD \_\_\_\_\_.**

“Jesus replied, Moses permitted you to divorce your wives because your hearts were hard. But it was not this way from the beginning.” **Matthew 19:8 (NIV)**

**3. ALL DIVORCE IS \_\_\_\_\_.**

“...causes her to become an adulteress...” **Matthew 5:32**

“The thief comes only in order to steal, kill, and destroy. I have come in order that you might have life—life in all its fullness.” **John 10:10 (TEV)**

**4. BECAUSE OF GRACE, THERE IS \_\_\_\_\_.**

“And after you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you.” **1 Peter 5:10 (ESV)**