

Mark 10:1-16 "TOTAL DISCIPLESHIP: MARRIAGE, CHILDREN & JESUS"

Verses in focus –

Mark 10:3 – Jesus sets the tone of the conversation

Mark 10:5-9 – Jesus discusses the purpose of the law

Mark 10:10-12 – Jesus clarifies divorce for His disciples

Mark 10:15 – The key verse to understand this passage.

Discussion on the verses –

The type of law (if... then...), the purpose of laws, the protection offered to women, the clarification as to the standing of a woman divorced in Israelite culture.

Three main Jewish views in the 1st Century –

1. **The House of Shammai**; 'A man must not divorce his wife unless he has found her unfaithful. As was said (Deut. 24), "Because he hath found some uncleanness in her".

2. **The House of Hillel says**, 'He may divorce her if she spoiled a dish for him because it was said: uncleanness is anything'.

3. **Rabbi Akiba** says, He may divorce her if he found another that is more beautiful than his wife, because it was said (Deut. 24:1), "If it comes to pass that she find no favour in his eyes".

Passages to consider regarding divorce –

Genesis 2:22-24, Deut. 24:1-4, Mal. 2:14-16, Hos. 1 & 2, Is.

50:1,54:5,62:1-10,62:5, Ez. 16:8, Eph. 5:1-33, 2 Cor. 11:2, 2

Tim. 3:16, Rev. 19:7-9,21:2-9.