

## THE MESSIAH'S VIEW OF MARRIAGE

Matthew 19:1–12

Our culture is hugely confused about marriage, its importance and significance, exclusivity and accountability, permanence and purpose. The institution of marriage is often treated today as something with which to *play*, like a board game that can be briefly enjoyed and then discarded if broken or replaced if old. It's treated like something to *ignore*, like a war monument commemorating something important but treated as archaic and impractical. Or, it's treated like a pest, an oppressive invention of primitive generations that must be exterminated. Our culture is increasingly unclear about marriage because it increasingly rejects the God who created it. But this degradation shouldn't happen in the church, amidst those who claim to *believe* in God, his sovereignty, goodness, and love. While our world lacks clarity about the institution, God's people should be thinking clearly, sharing the Messiah's view of marriage.

### Two Mistaken Views of Marriage

- Pharisaic frivolity vv. 1–3, 7–9
  
- Potential idolatry vv. 10–12

### The Messiah's View of Marriage

- God's revealed ideal is rooted in its *original template* v. 4
  
- God's revealed ideal is rooted in its *relational uniqueness* v. 5
  
- God's revealed ideal is rooted in its *physical oneness* vv. 5–6
  
- God's revealed ideal is rooted in its *divine ordination* v. 7

*Think What God Thinks About Marriage!*