

What Did Jesus Say About Divorce?

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

- I. God's plan for marriage is one man and one woman until separated by death.
- II. Sexual immorality constitutes biblical grounds for divorce.
- III. Divorce and remarriage without biblical grounds constitutes adultery.
- IV. The Old Testament law on divorce was designed to protect the wife from frivolous divorce and character assassination.
- V. Though divorce is permitted in very specific circumstances, it is never commanded.
- VI. Even when there is biblical grounds for divorce, God's desire is for reconciliation and restoration if at all possible.
- VII. Frivolous divorce is sinful and leads to the sin of adultery.
- VIII. Those who are guilty of the sin of adultery should repent and pursue anew God's standards of sanctity in marriage.
- IX. Jesus expects divorce to be the rare exception and not the rule within the community of faith.