

# Matthew Series

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# MATTHEW

JESUS: KING OF THE JEWS

**Marriage is a Covenant**

**Before God**

**Matthew 19:3–6**



## **Structure:**

**Jesus travels to Jerusalem, along the way He increases His condemnation of the religious leaders, and they react toward Him. This culminates in His prediction of judgment on Israel in the Olivet Discourse.  
Matt. 19:1–25:46**



**Matt. 19:3, “The Pharisees also came to Him, [in order to] testing Him, and saying to Him, ‘Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife for just any reason?’ ”**



**Gittim 9:10 A The House of Shammai say,  
“A man should divorce his wife only because  
he has found grounds for it in unchastity,**

**B “since it is said, Because he has found  
in her indecency in anything (Deut. 24:).”**

**C And the House of Hillel say, “Even if she  
spoiled his dish,**

**D “since it is said, Because he has found  
in her indecency in anything.”**

**E R. Aqiba says, “Even if he found  
someone else prettier than she,**

**F “since it is said, And it shall be if she  
find no favor in his eyes (Deut. 24:1).”**



## **Legitimate Reasons for Divorce (KETUBAH 7:6)**

- **Giving a husband untithed food**
- **Uttering a vow and not fulfilling it**
- **Going out in public with her hair unbound**
- **Speaking with any man in public**



**John 4:16, “Jesus said to her, ‘Go, call your husband, and come here.’”**

**John 4:17, “The woman answered and said, ‘I have no husband.’ Jesus said to her, ‘You have well said, “I have no husband,””**

**John 4:18, “ ‘for you have had five husbands, and the one whom you now have is not your husband; in that you spoke truly.’ ”**



**Matt. 19:4, “And He answered and said to them, ‘Have you not read that He who made them at the beginning “made them male and female,” ’**

**Matt. 19:5, “and said, ‘For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh’?”**



# **Marriage is a Covenant Before God**



**Mal. 2:14 , “Yet you say, ‘For what reason?’ Because the LORD has been witness between you and the wife of your youth, with whom you have dealt treacherously; Yet she is your companion and your wife by covenant.”**



**Gen. 2:23, “And Adam said: ‘This is now bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; She shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man.’”**

**Gen. 2:24, “Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and they shall become one flesh.”**

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**qal imperf 3 masc  
sing**

**to forsake, leave**



**Deut. 31:16, “And the LORD said to Moses:  
‘Behold, you will rest with your fathers; and this  
people will rise and play the harlot with the  
gods of the foreigners of the land, where they  
go to be among them, and they will forsake Me  
and break My covenant which I have made with  
them.’ ”**

**Ruth 2:11, “And Boaz answered and said to her,  
‘It has been fully reported to me, all that you  
have done for your mother-in-law since the  
death of your husband, and how you have left  
your father and your mother and the land of  
your birth, and have come to a people whom  
you did not know before.’ ”**



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דבק *davaq*

qal perf 3 masc sing  
consec

to cling



**Ex. 20:7, “You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain, for the LORD will not hold him guiltless who takes His name in vain.”**



**Eph. 5:28, “So husbands ought to love their own wives as their own bodies; he who loves his wife loves himself.**

**Eph. 5:29, “For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as the Lord does the church.**

**Eph. 5:30, “For we are members of His body, of His flesh and of His bones.**

**Eph. 5:31, “ *‘For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.’***

**Eph. 5:32, “This is a great mystery, but I speak concerning Christ and the church.”**