



**Series:** Unexpected Messiah

**Passage** Matthew 19:1-6 Genesis 2:18-25

**Title:** God's Design for Marriage

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**Discussion Starter** – Why do you think the law allowed for divorce since God's design for marriage was that this would never happen?

**People's Motivation to Meet Jesus** (Matthew 19:1-6)

- What was the context of the sayings Jesus had just recently finished up as He departed from Galilee and went to the region of Judea beyond the Jordan? What do we see Jesus demonstrating in the final weeks of His ministry? Read John 13:1, Matthew 19:2 and Luke 9:51.
- We see that not everyone comes to Jesus honestly. What two groups are mentioned here and what were some of the reasons why they came to Jesus? Why is Jesus very interested in how we come to Him and how is this still applicable today in the church? Read Isaiah 57:15. What insights are gained from reading this verse?
- What was the Pharisee's motivation in questioning Jesus? What did the law say about divorce as compared to the practice of the day in Jesus' time? Read Deuteronomy 24:1 and Matthew 19:7-9.
- Why did Jesus ask the Pharisee's if they had not read the passage in Genesis 2? What important message was He trying to convey to them and us?
- Read Genesis 2:18-25. Describe in your own words some of the important aspects of God's brilliant design for marriage. How is this brilliant design being undermined and attacked today's society?
- What do you see contained in these verses on how is God training Adam to be the spiritual leader of his family? How does this apply to us today?
- Pastor David taught that we cannot experience God's design for marriage unless we obey Jesus as LORD. Read Ephesians 5:25-33. Describe what obeying Jesus looks like if properly applied in our marriages today?
- What is the significance of a marriage being of one flesh?
- What is the proper context of God's design for marriage as us being naked and unashamed? How can the application of this make a marriage stronger?
- Describe how this passage in Genesis 2 is to be seen as a foreshadow of the gospel message of Christ and the church?