

How to Defend Marriage in a Secular Society
Mark 10:1-12

THE MEANING OF MARRIAGE: *the two will become one flesh*

THREE BIGGEST ATTACKS AGAINST BIBLICAL MARRIAGE

DIVORCE

Reason for divorce: “hardness of heart”, also known as sin.

“But Jesus told them, “He wrote this command for you because of the hardness of your hearts.” (Mark 10:5, HCSB)

Jesus elevated the significance of women in the marriage relationship: men and women both have the power to divorce, and both have the potential to commit adultery.

“Also, if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery.” (Mark 10:12, HCSB)

Men and women are *both equally* responsible for their marriages.

“And He said to them, “Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her. Also, if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery.” (Mark 10:11–12, HCSB)

HOMOSEXUALITY

Marriage is only between a man and a woman.

“But from the beginning of creation God made them male and female.” (Mark 10:6, HCSB)

POLYGAMY

Marriage is between only one man and only one woman.

“For this reason a man will leave his father and mother [and be joined to his wife], and the two will become one flesh. So they are no longer two, but one flesh.” (Mark 10:7–8, HCSB)

WHAT’S THE POINT OF MY MARRIAGE AND WHY DO I NEED TO DEFEND IT?

Why do you need to defend marriage in today’s secular society? God designed marriage to point people to Christ.

“For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two will become one flesh. This mystery is profound, but I am talking about Christ and the church.” (Ephesians 5:31–32, HCSB)