

Matthew
Chapter 19
Instructor

Contents: **CHRIST** and the divorce question. Little children blessed. The rich young ruler. Apostles' future place in the Kingdom.

Characters: **GOD, JESUS**, Peter, rich young ruler.

Conclusion: **GOD HIMSELF** instituted the relationship between husband and wife, and those joined together by the ordinance (law) of **GOD** should not to be dissolved by any laws of man, except for fornication. Nothing less than the grace of **GOD** can enable a man who has been seduced by the riches of this world, rid himself of these riches so that he can get into heaven. Riches, if they are under our feet, are (1.) stepping stones and (2.) tools to help others. Improper use of riches **will enslave us!**

Key Word: Divorce, 7. Riches, 24.

Strong Verses: 6, 9, 14, 24, 26, 29.

Striking Facts: 16, 17. It is not implied that **JESUS** was not good (John 8:46; 14:30), but that **HE** would not be called "good" by one who did not accept **HIS** deity, but looked upon **HIMSELF** merely as a man (**MASTER**—"teacher") and put **HIMSELF** on the same level (20). As **GOD** (17) **HE** is the expression of all good.

Questions:

1. What did JESUS say was the cause/purpose of Moses giving men the opportunity to divorce women?
2. What was the mechanism of divorce in ancient Israel?
3. Was JESUS' ultimate position of divorce a **requirement**?
4. What was the problem of the rich young ruler?
5. What reward should believers count on?

Should believers get divorced? If so, under what conditions?