

MATTHEW 19 vs 1

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¹ **And it happened, when Jesus finished these sayings /**

The word is: **logos**; when He had finished these words. Most people do not know that Matthew clearly organized his gospel in 5 sections or divisions... always concluding with this repetitious phrase when Jesus' early ministry and sermon on a mount concluded, chapter 7:28: **Matthew was an eyewitness to Jesus**.



We find this expression in chapter 11:1, where Matthew shows us a sample of the ministry of Jesus around the Sea of Galilee; in chapter 13:53, when we observe the work of the Messiah, and parables of the kingdom of God are in focus; and here, chapter 19:1, as confrontations with religious leaders increase. Matthew tells us He departed to regions beyond Jordan in preparation to enter Jerusalem with much acclaim; to give His life a ransom for many,

when Jesus finished these sayings, He departed from Galilee, and came to the regions of Judah beyond the Jordan / recalling where His ministry began with His baptism, John the baptizer preparing the way, and going before Him;

² **and great multitudes joined Him; and He healed them there.**

³ **The Pharisees also came /** yikes! I mean... lovely people... and they came, **tempting Him /** and assuming He was guilty in order to entrap Him; what a surprise!

and saying, Is it lawful for a man to put away his wife for every cause? / like for burning the husband's dinner? For spinning in public? Spinning?! For an uncovered head? So they dressed much like middle eastern women today. The Pharisees were masters at the law -- master manipulators! They could go to Las Vegas Friday night and get married... and by Saturday morning... be divorced.

⁴ **And He answered and said, Have you not read /** Jesus sized up the situation... and asked them, have you all **not** read; besides reading your phone bill and your text-messages? How is it you brilliant Pharisees gain your understanding? Have you all not read...

He who from the beginning... made them male and female,

⁵ **and said, For this cause a man will leave father and mother, and will cleave to his wife: and they two /** the word is: **duo**; **will be one flesh?**

⁶ **Wherefore /** what is this said for? **they are no more two, but one flesh.**

Therefore, what God joined together, let no man separate / let no man... divide up. Now remember: Jesus is not creating an anti-divorce society. He is **not** newly legislating; He **is** answering hypocrites; dishonest people attempting to trick Him.

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⁷ **They ask Him, Why did Moses command to give a writing of divorcement** / in Greek: a biblion; a **little book**... of **apostasion**; and we hear our word for: **apostasy** which we know includes: disaffiliation... abandonment... separation... and renunciation...

And they ask...

Why did Moses command to give a writing of divorcement? and to put her away? / to fully release; to set free and to send away.

⁸ **Jesus said to them, because of the hardness of your hearts, Moses permitted you to put away your wives: but from the beginning it was not so.**

⁹ **And I say to you** / Jesus... having explained the position of Moses... and ensuring He corrects any faulty thinking, the result of poor, inadequate teaching; He now addresses these hypocritical tricksters.

I say to you / to you, and you, and you! As He looked at every man in the crowd. He knew their hearts,

Whoever puts away his wife, except it be for porneia, and marries another commits adultery / commits adulterated, polluted, contaminated sex. And churchianity today is no different than those legalists testing Jesus. In Matthew's gospel, we understand Jesus allows divorce. Isn't DNA interesting, how male sperm gradually effects a woman's physiology – which is why prostitutes start to have the same hard look.

¹⁰ **The disciples** / the word is: **mathetes**; those doing the math, putting the pieces together; they were listening to this conversation...

the disciples said, If that is the case of the man with his wife, it is not good to marry / **What?!** Wrong answer. Where did they come up with that screwy conclusion? Re-do the math!

¹¹ **But Jesus said to them, All cannot receive this saying, except to whom it is given** / not everyone can welcome this word about divorce.

¹² **There are some eunuchs** / the word in Greek is: **eunouchos**. Now, just an aside... the Greek root: **eu** = **good**; for example: **eu-logia** = **good words**. Someone who gives a eulogy... speaks good words, right? But that is not the case for the word: **eunuchs**... it's not **good nouchos**. In Greek, **eune**... is the word for: **bed**. Got it?! So now that that's cleared up, let's get back to Jesus.

There are some eunuchs, who were so born from their mother's womb/ physically malformed:

and there are eunuchs / like Daniel, **who were made eunuchs by men:**

and there are eunuchs / like Origen, **who made themselves eunuchs for the sake of the kingdom of heaven** / and having outline 3 types of eunuchs, Jesus concludes...

He who can receive it, let him receive it / he who welcomes this ideal relationship found in Genesis,

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If you have the power to make room for this... then make room for it!

And notice what immediately follows Matthew's grouping of Jesus' sayings...

13 Then were brought to Him little children that He lay His hands on them, and pray: / probably touch their heads and pray for each of them. Good evidence of cleaving going on... and no more duo-ing, right?,

and the disciples rebuked them / they did what? they were to put the pieces together. This event is recorded by Matthew, Mark and Luke. In Mark, we discover this is the only time... recorded in the gospel that Jesus **goes ballistic!** His button is pushed, and He is violently irritated.

14 And Jesus said, Leave the little children alone / it's actually the same word we use when we ask the Father in heaven: **to forgive us** our debts! We're saying, don't go there, Father! And Jesus is saying...

Leave the little children alone! and forbid them **not** from coming to Me / Jesus said, don't you dare hinder those who are coming to Me. How terrible it will be for any and all those who could not leave the children alone, who abuse the littlest and hinder them coming to the Lord of glory; those twisted pedophiles in society – even in our brilliant 21st century, thankfully, the Lord will deal with them:

Leave the little children alone! for of such is the kingdom of heaven.

15 And He laid hands on them / He blessed those children... and the mothers who brought them, and departed from there.

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