

Three explicit death, resurrection predictions:

Controversial Discipleship

“Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?” (2)

Why was this a “gotcha” question?

“And Jesus said to them, ‘Because of your hardness of heart he wrote you this commandment.’” (5)

Jesus makes 5 controversial statements:

1. God created _____, _____.

“But from the beginning of creation, ‘God made them male and female.’” (6)

2. God designed _____ to be _____ between a man and a woman.

“Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife.” (7)

3. God calls _____ in order to create _____ in marriage.

“‘And the two shall become one flesh.’ So they are no longer two but one flesh.” (8)

4. God forbids anyone from _____ what _____.

“What therefore God has joined together, let not man separate.” (9)

5. God warns those who pursue another _____ after _____ that they are living in _____.

“And he said to them, ‘Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her, and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery.’” (11-12)

Why are these statements so offensive?

- Some of us would _____, and it is painful to watch _____ take what God has given them _____.
- Some of us have seen marriage _____.
- Many of us read the Bible outside of its _____.
- Many of us would rather _____ Jesus than _____ Jesus.
- Our culture views marriage and sexuality as a means of _____ rather than a means of _____.
- All of us will fail to take Jesus’ words seriously if we think we are _____.

“Truly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it.” (15)