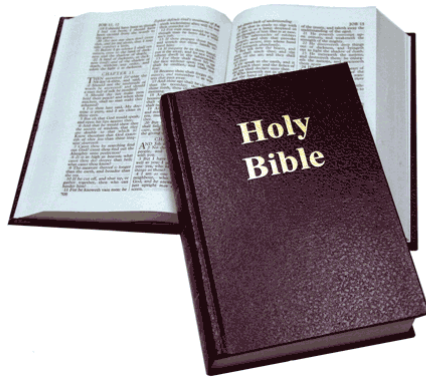


# The Sermon on the Mount

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STUDY 10

Reading: Matthew 5:31-32



*Getting the right  
interpretation!*

Home Fellowship Group Bible Study Questions

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> May/Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2013

**Read: Matthew 19:4-6**

- 1) How would you summarise God's original intention for marriage? What place does divorce have in that creation ordinance?

**From Leviticus onwards we find a number of references to divorce although no formal introduction to it in the law.**

- 2) From what Jesus reveals in **Matthew 5:32** and **19:7-9** how are we to understand what the law taught about divorce?

**When Jesus says in Matthew 5:31 that "it was said..." He is not denying or correcting the law; but their false interpretation of it.**

- 3) What does verse 31 imply about the Pharisees' and Scribes' interpretation of the law on divorce?

**Jesus' comments here refer to Deuteronomy 24:1-4. Men generally held a poor view of women and were content to divorce wives over the slightest thing they did to displease him (v1). Moses sets out in these verses that this unlawful action has consequences.**

- 4) What does Jesus say in verse 32 about the consequences of misinterpreting what Moses said in Deuteronomy 24?
- 5) On a more general note; what do these verses teach us about the importance of keeping to God's word rather than our own perception of it? How much of our understanding stems from that passed down rather than what the Bible actually says?