

The Cost of Kingdom Living

Text: Matthew 19.1–30

Theme: As king of His kingdom, Jesus turns this worldly one upside down

Introduction

I. Regarding Marriage & Divorce

1. Nerve & Nature of question
 - 1) nerve of these guys
 - 2) nature of question

2. Consider this testing
 - 1) answer one way & big trouble
 - 2) answer another way & big trouble

3. Jesus' Answer
 - 1) He goes to the Word of God
 - 2) Goes back to beginning foundations
 - 3) See what Jesus is doing here
 - 4) God is the focal point of all this

4. Next trap, please
 - 1) Next question, please

- 2) Context, context, context

 - 3) Two corrections to wicked-hearted Pharisees & others

 - 4) Why did God allow it? Correction #2

 - 5) See the problem?

 - 6) Any exception?
5. High view of Christ's Kingdom
- 1) Jesus shifts from marriage to singleness

 - 2) Jesus talks about singleness as gift in His kingdom

 - 3) Yes, high view of marriage, but higher view of kingdom

 - 4) Just one of Jesus' teachings on marriage; not only one

 - 5) No surprise that Jesus is pro-gospel

Conclusion A: To all who would follow him