



Where the Church Usually Stands

1. No divorce for any reason, and no remarriage.
2. Do whatever you feel is right, it will all workout.

Jesus lands somewhere in the middle of these two camps.

- "I hate divorce." says the Lord, the God of Israel.

Malachi 2:16

I. Background



II. The Confrontation

- The Pharisees were not seeking knowledge or understanding from Jesus.
- The word “test” means to snare or trap.

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- The Pharisees were likely hoping that Jesus' answer would lead to His imprisonment or death.
- The Pharisees affirmed the “divorce for any reason” view, and as a result the majority of the people followed suite.

II. The Confrontation

- The Pharisees were hoping to alienate His followers from Him.

III. The Clarification

- Notice that Moses doesn't command divorce.
- The Law had a judgment against adultery – stoning/death
Deuteronomy 22:22, Leviticus 20:10

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- God, through Moses, only commanded that you could not remarry a wife you divorced and who then remarried.

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- Jesus goes back to the origin of marriage and teaches the Pharisees the original intent of the marriage relationship.