



**SERMON ON THE MOUNT:
KEEPING YOUR COMMITMENTS -
MARRIAGE**

CONTEXT

- Greater literary setting: “He went... proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and [healed] every disease” - Mt. 4.23; 9.35
- Theme: How to enter the kingdom of heaven. - Mt. 5.20; 7.13; 21
- Immediate literary setting: “You have heard that it was said...”- Mt. 5.21ff

THE MARRIAGE COMMITMENT

- **“Whoever divorces his wife, let him give her a certificate of divorce.”**
 - This was not a license for divorce. **Deut. 24.1-4**
 - God hates divorce. **Mal. 2.13-16**
 - The Pharisees taught that divorce for any reason was okay. **Matt. 19.1-3**
 - Jesus reminds them of God’s plan from the beginning. **Matt. 19.4-9**

THE MARRIAGE COMMITMENT

- “...everyone who divorces his wife, except on the ground of sexual immorality, makes her commit adultery, and whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery.
 - Ultimately, the Pharisees’ position on marriage and divorce evidenced a lack of love. **Matt. 5.27-28**
 - Marital infidelity through sexual immorality is the only exception to the rule.



**How's your commitment
to your marriage?**