

Questions On Matthew Chapter 19

1. Christ's divorce teaching in Matthew 19:3-12 is some of the most controversial teaching in the Bible. This teaching is not complicated, so why is it so controversial?
 - a. What did the Pharisees ask Jesus in verse 3, and how did Jesus answer this question in verses 6 and 9?
 - b. What original marriage law did Jesus cite in verses 4-5?
 - c. What did Jesus infer from Genesis 2:24 in verse 6?
 - d. What follow-up question did the Pharisees ask in verse 7 and what was their point?
 - e. The Pharisees had reference to Deut. 24:1-4 but what point did they miss from that passage?
 - f. Jesus answered their question in verse 8 by making what two observations? (one about hearts and one about God's law)
 - g. According to verse 9, what are the remarriage implications if two people divorce each other NOT for fornication?
 - h. What right is implied in verse 9 for an innocent spouse who divorces his mate for fornication?
 - i. What does the reaction of the disciples in verse 10 suggest about the strictness of Christ's marriage law?

2. Who was brought to Jesus in verse 13 and why? How did the disciples react to their being brought?
 - a. What did Jesus tell the disciples regarding these children?
 - b. How young were some of these children according to Luke 18:15?
3. What did the rich young ruler ask Jesus in verse 16?
 - a. What did Jesus *first* tell him to do?
 - b. What did Jesus next tell him to do? How did the ruler respond?
4. What did Jesus say about rich people and the kingdom of heaven?
 - a. What reason does Paul give in 1 Timothy 6:17 as to why riches might keep one from being a Christian?
 - b. How did the disciples react to Jesus' comment about how difficult it was for rich people to be saved? (v. 25)
 - c. How did Jesus answer their question?
5. What did Peter say they had left in order to follow Jesus and what did Jesus say they would receive in reward?
 - a. Whew else would be rewarded? (v. 29)
6. Are Christians "ranked" in the kingdom? (v. 30)