

Matthew
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Monday, 9:30 – 11:00 am
To be discussed –07/20/26

Matthew - Lesson 26
Matthew 19:1-30

1. Read Matthew 5:31-32, 19:1-12, Gen. 1:27, 2:20-24, Malachi 2:15-16a. What initial question did the Pharisees ask Jesus? Why? (v. 3)
2. What was God's original intent for marriage? (vv. 4-6)
3. Why did Moses permit divorce? Did God change his mind about marriage? What valid reason for divorce is given? Why? How relevant are these words of Jesus to the present day?
4. How did his disciples respond to his teaching? What do you think Jesus meant in vv. 11-12? Do we have a choice in accepting or rejecting his teaching on divorce?
5. Read Matthew 19:13-15. Why might the disciples have tried to prevent children from coming to him?
6. Read Matthew 19:16-22. How was this young man's view of obtaining eternal life wrong from the beginning? Did he see himself as a sinner in need of a Savior?
7. What did Jesus tell him was required *to enter life*? (v. 17) Is that possible? How did the man respond?
8. What did Jesus tell him he needed to do *to be perfect*? Is that a requirement for all Christians?

9. How did the young man respond? What was the real hindrance that kept him from following Jesus?
10. Read Matthew 19:23-30. Why do you think the disciples were astonished? Why would they expect the wealthy to be saved? (v. 25)
11. The disciples' economic situation was the complete opposite of the young man's; yet, how does Peter's question in v. 27 reflect similar thinking?
12. What was Jesus' answer?