



Daily Reflections

March 1, 2019

Scripture

Mark 10: 1-12

Jesus came into the district of Judea and across the Jordan. Again crowds gathered around him and, as was his custom, he again taught them.

The Pharisees approached him and asked, "Is it lawful for a husband to divorce his wife?"

They were testing him.

He said to them in reply, "What did Moses command you?"

They replied,

"Moses permitted a husband to write a bill of divorce and dismiss her."

But Jesus told them,

"Because of the hardness of your hearts he wrote you this commandment.

But from the beginning of creation, God made them male and female.

For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother

and be joined to his wife,

and the two shall become one flesh.

So they are no longer two but one flesh.

Therefore what God has joined together,

no human being must separate."

In the house the disciples again questioned Jesus about this.

Our Scripture Reflection

There is a exactly zero comment necessary on today's Gospel text. Jesus teaches us that Christian marriage exists between one man and one woman for life, period. May God bless all who are cooperating with God's Grace by living their marriage commitments.

Food for your Journey

Every marriage is a really big commitment for the people involved. It's a lifetime commitment. It's a commitment that says that, actually, I'm not only prepared to spend the rest of my life with you, but to spend the rest of my life finding out about you. There's always going to be more of you to discover. And if that's what people are saying to each other in a wedding, that says something very deeply important about what human beings are like. There's a mystery, a delight at the heart of human beings, and it's possible to spend a lifetime and more exploring just that.

A Prayer from the Heart

Dear God, You have given us the gift of Christian marriage to show us Your love for the human family. May all who depend upon Your Grace as they live married life be a source of blessing for the human community. Amen