Matthew 19: 3-12
Some Pharisees approached Jesus, and tested him, saying, "Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife for any cause whatever?"
He said in reply, "Have you not read that from the beginning the Creator made them male and female and said, 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, man must not separate."
They said to him, "Then why did Moses command that the man give the woman a bill of divorce and dismiss her?"
He said to them, "Because of the hardness of your hearts Moses allowed you to divorce your wives, but from the beginning it was not so. I say to you, whoever divorces his wife (unless the marriage is unlawful) and marries another commits adultery."
His disciples said to him, "If that is the case of a man with his wife, it is better not to marry."
He answered, "Not all can accept this word, but only those to whom that is granted. Some are incapable of marriage because they were born so; some, because they were made so by others; some, because they have renounced marriage for the sake of the Kingdom of heaven. Whoever can accept this ought to accept it."
Our Scripture Reflection
In today’s Gospel reading Jesus sets in stone for all eternity God’s definition of Christian marriage. While humans in their haughtiness attempt to tinker with or even destroy His definition, His word is descriptive, final and absolute. Our job is to live what He teaches us.

Food for your Journey
The word "adultery" comes from the Latin adulterare. The same root also belongs to the word "adulterate." To adulterate something is to corrupt it, to introduce some foreign substance that spoils the original.
That's what adultery does. It corrupts the purity of the marital relationship. Those who stray from their spouses into adultery don't usually imagine they're doing such a thing. They craft for themselves self-serving rationalizations about seeking true love or getting their needs met. But corrupting their marriage is exactly what they're doing.
Corruption is adultery's very nature.

A Prayer from the Heart
Dear God, You sent Your Son into this world to be our Way and Truth and Life. And though at times people act as in a manner that is arrogant and haughty, we must wake up and realize we are His servants who are called to be obedient to His word. Give us the Grace to live His word faithfully despite the cost. Amen