

**Valley Bible Church  
Sermon Notes for May 27, 1984**

**The Truth About Divorce  
Matthew 5:31-32  
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What the Jews understood:

Have Marriages become that much worse that so many should divorce?

During Christ's time marriage was being taken lightly. The Jews understood that you could divorce.

**Deuteronomy 24:1-4** - Law of Divorce

**Matthew 19** - Why God gave the Law of Divorce, because of the hardness of the hearts of the Jews.

Divorce is permitted under the law. The problem was they did not understand the proper grounds for divorce. The only grounds for divorce, sexual sin, had been liberalized to the point that if the husband for any reason wanted a divorce it was okay.

In **Jeremiah 3:6-10** God divorces Israel for their spiritual adultery, which went on for hundreds of years.

**Verse 32**, What they did not understand was that God did not recognize the divorce made for un-biblical grounds.

The one who divorces for biblical grounds is free to remarry.