

the eagerness of the Pharisees to tempt Christ, and to entangle Him in His talk, they pressed the matter upon Him. But the Lord's answer was discreet and silencing, and they failed in their object. It seems that, having determined on the death of Christ, and desiring to shield themselves before the people from the charge of putting Him to death, the question was put at that time, and in the studied form it was, that it might involve Christ in the difficulty which caused the death of John the Baptist. Herod Antipas, in whose dominion Christ was then staying, was a noted adulterer, and if Christ could be drawn into a position which would be a condemnation of Herod's course, that ruler might be induced to put the hated Nazarene out of the way.

4. Christ told the disciples, in substance, that all men could not receive their idea of the question. There were some, indeed, who must live single lives by circumstances of birth, or constitution; and some because of the mutilation endured through the cruel practises of bond-masters. Others there were of this class who, by special vow, had withdrawn themselves from society for the kingdom of heaven's sake. These were not better than others, but simply different.' The marriage institution was created by Christ in Eden for a wise purpose, and must still be necessary, even though sin has overspread the world. **1 Cor. 7 : 2**

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(Matt. 19:3-30; Luke 13:31-35; 18:15-30.)**

*Side Texts to be
studied with
questions*

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| <p>1. AT what feast did Jesus next appear in the temple?
John 10: 22. See note 1.</p> | <p>Mark 10:1</p> |
| <p>2. When they sought to arrest Him, where did Jesus go? With what results? Verses 39, 40. See note 2.</p> | <p>Deut. 24: 1, 2;</p> |
| <p>3. Finding Him in His retreat, what peculiar question did the Pharisees spring upon Jesus ? Matt. 19:3. See note 3.</p> | <p>Eph. 5 : 28.</p> |
| <p>4. What discreet answer did the Saviour offer? Verses 4-6.</p> | <p>Matt. 5 : 31, 32.</p> |
| <p>5. How was the controversy pursued ? With what result ? Verses 7-9.</p> | <p>Matt. 23 : 37, 38.</p> |
| <p>6. Failing to entrap Jesus on the matter of divorce, what did they do? Luke 13:31.</p> | <p>1Cor.9: 5.</p> |
| <p>7. What reply did Jesus make to this warning? Verses 32, 33.</p> | <p>Mark 9 : 35-37;
Luke 22 : 26.</p> |
| <p>8. What note of woe then escaped the divine lips? Verses 34, 35.</p> | |
| <p>9. How did the disciples receive the sayings about divorce? How did Jesus explain the matter to them ? Matt. 19 : 10-12. See note 4.</p> | |
| <p>10. When little children were brought to Him, what did He say of them, and do for them? Verses 13-15.</p> | |

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| <p>11. As Jesus was leaving this point, who came to Him with a great burden on his mind ? Verse 16.</p> | <p>Mark 10: 17.</p> |
| <p>12. What divine instruction was given to this seeker for eternal life ? Verses 17-19.</p> | <p>Luke 10:27, 28.</p> |
| <p>13. When the young man said that he had complied with all these requirements, how did the Saviour expand the commandments to show him his mistake? Verses 20-22.</p> | <p>Luke 16 : 9.</p> |
| <p>14. What comment did the Lord make concerning the course of the young man? How did they receive it? Verses 23-26.</p> | <p>Job 42 : 2;
Luke 5 : 11</p> |
| <p>15. Upon hearing Christ's answer to their query, what question did Peter venture to ask? Verse 27.</p> | |
| <p>16. What reply did Jesus make? Verses 28, 29.</p> | |

READING

" Desire of Ages," chapters 56, 57.

NOTES

1. This feast occurred in December. It was celebrated by daily reading of prayers and singing the " Hallel,"—" Praise Ye Jehovah." Josephus says that the festival was also called " Lights."
2. There seemed but one retreat left for the persecuted Son of God. He had been rejected in Galilee, and now in Judea His life was threatened. But His life was yet to be extended. Jerusalem was the only place where fanatical zeal abounded enough to put to death such a being (**Luke 13 : 34**). So Jesus retired temporarily to the half-heathen country of Perea, east of the Jordan.
3. Moses had said that on certain considerations, divorce was lawful. The rabbis had so construed the Hebrew word used by Moses to convey the cause for divorce, as to make it cover the most frivolous excuse. The whole thing, however, seems to be summed up in this: If one saw any other woman which pleased him more than his wife, the excuse for divorce was an easy matter. In