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*The Prophecy Fulfilled*

# The Real-Life...



- Restoring brothers who sin...
  - Personal and church wide...
  - Working in “symphony” with God (18:19)
- Forgiveness... 7 times?
  - No, no limits...
  - Beware the tormentors...

# From Forgiveness...



- Jesus leaves the Galilee, crosses Jordan...
  - Avoiding conflict of Samaria, for now...
  - Wilderness area, Jesus heals! (*therapeuo*)
- Pharisees come from Jerusalem... rare!
  - 9:11 ff - Eating with sinners, fasting; 12:2ff Sabbath; 12:38 - signs; 15:1 ff washings; 16:1 - signs; 17:24ff - temple tax...

# Marriage question...



- Not much has changed... marriage still major idea!
  - *peirazo*, tempt, make trial
  - Hillel vs. Shammai – liberal vs. conservative
- Deut 24:1~
  - “any reason at all” – lit. “every cause”
  - No matter how Jesus answered, He would offend...

# Jesus brings them back



- Gen.2:4 – Male and Female, by design!
  - Leave father/mother; cleave to wife; one flesh
  - No longer 2 individuals, one... Prov. 5:18; Ecc 9:9; Eph 5:25; 1 Pet. 3:7
  - Many are divorced, many marriages struggle
  - Jesus is responding to Jewish thought...
  - Which causes allows a marriage to end?

# Joined together (6)



Greek Word: συζεύγνυμι

Transliteration: syzeugnymi sood-zyoog'-noo-mee

Vine's Words: Join

English Words used in KJV:

join together 2

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from <G4862> (sun) and the base of <G2201> (zeugos); to yoke together, i.e. (figurative) conjoin (in marriage) :- join together.

# So why did MOSES... (7)



- But we have an out...! Deut. 24:1-4...
  - Harness of hearts! Permission is not pleasing God!
  - Divorce makes it “a civil contract” not a covenant...
  - From the beginning...
- Except immorality (*porneia*)... marriage night evidence
  - Marrying again, adultery... not unforgivable!

# Better not to marry?



- Apostles go too far! (vs. 10)
- Man & wife like this? Oneness, Unity, Cleaving! (5)
- Eunuchs for the Kingdom?
  - Not everyone has this gift... 1 Cor 7:1-7
  - How does this change our thoughts about society?
  - Do we go back to God for marriage? Singleness?