

## **Conversations with Jesus (5): Hardness of Heart**

### **Matthew 19:1-12**

#### I. What produces a hard heart?

- A. Your heart can become hardened when you deny that Jesus is your Sovereign Lord (vv.2;3;9).
- B. Your heart can become hardened when you study the Bible the wrong way (vv.4; 7-8; James 1:21; Hebrews 4:12; Luke 8:18).

#### II. The Truth about Marriage and Divorce

- A. The Original Creation Law: God's original design for marriage was for one man to be united with one woman for life (Genesis 1:27; 2:24).
- B. The Temporary Mosaic Law: A certificate of divorce gave legal protection to the wife and limited the abuses of divorce (Deuteronomy 24:1-4).
- C. Christ's Law for Marriage: Marriage is a permanent union that could only be broken by sexual immorality (v. 9).

#### III. How do we prevent hardness of heart?

- A. Admit your need (v.10).
- B. Never evade, confuse, or complicate what the Bible says (vv.10-11).
- C. Realize that God's provision comes to those who want to do His will (v.12).