

Additional Teachings - Luke 16:16-18

Topics: Adultery, Good News, Kingdom of God/Heaven, Law, Prophecy, Teaching

Open It

- * 1. What attitudes does our culture have toward divorce?
- 2. How does our society view adultery?
- 3. What messages do the media communicate to us about the issues of adultery and divorce?

Explore It

- 4. What two eras did John the Baptist's ministry divide? (16:16)
- 5. What changed after the ministry of John the Baptist? (16:16)
- 6. What was being preached? (16:16)
- 7. Who was "forcing his way" into the kingdom of God? (16:16)
- 8. What is easier than for the least stroke of a pen to drop out of the Law? (16:17)
- 9. Why did Jesus emphasize the importance of the Law? (16:17)
- * 10. What relation does the section on divorce have to the previous verses about the Law? (16:18)
- * 11. What two conditions constitute adultery? (16:18)
- * 12. How does Jesus view divorce? (16:18)
- 13. How has Jesus' life changed the importance of the Law? (16:16-18)

Get It

- 14. What responsibility do you have to obey God's Law?
- 15. What difference does it make that Jesus' ministry was a perfect fulfillment of the Law and the Prophets?
- 16. How are people's responses to the good news different today than in Jesus' time?
- * 17. What should be our attitude toward divorce?
- * 18. How do you think Jesus would want you to treat Christians who are divorced?
- 19. In what ways has our obedience to the commands of Christ resembled the hypocrisy of the Pharisees?
- 20. What attitude should we have toward God's Law today?
- 21. If you have been hypocritical in your strict adherence to the letter of the law, what can you do to increase your commitment to the spirit of the law?

Apply It

- 22. What can you do this week to renew your obedience to the commands of Jesus in your everyday life?
- * 23. What could you do to help a person who is experiencing marriage difficulties?