

Mark 9:33-10:12

33 They came to Capernaum. When He was in the house, He asked them, “**What were you arguing about on the way?**” 34 But they were silent, because on the way they had been arguing with one another about who was the greatest. 35 Sitting down, He called the Twelve and said to them, “**If anyone wants to be first, he must be last and servant of all.**” 36 He took a child, had him stand among them, and taking him in His arms, He said to them, 37 “**Whoever welcomes one little child such as this in My Name welcomes Me. And whoever welcomes Me does not welcome Me, but Him who sent Me.**”

38 John said to Him, “Teacher, we saw someone driving out demons in Your name, and we tried to stop him because he wasn’t following us.” 39 “**Don’t stop him,**” said Jesus, “**because there is no one who will perform a miracle in My Name who can soon afterward speak evil of Me.** 40 **For whoever is not against us is for us.** 41 **And whoever gives you a cup of water to drink in My name, because you belong to Christ—truly I tell you, he will never lose his reward.** 42 **“But whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in Me to fall away—it would be better for him if a heavy millstone were hung around his neck and he were thrown into the sea.**

43 **“And if your hand causes you to fall away, cut it off. It is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and go to hell, the unquenchable fire. (Some mss include v. 44: Where their worm does not die, and the fire is not quenched.)** 45 **And if your foot causes you to fall away, cut it off. It is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and be thrown into hell. (Some mss include v. 46: Where their worm does not die, and the fire is not quenched.)** 47 **And if your eye causes you to fall away, gouge it out. It is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and be thrown into hell,** 48 **where their worm does not die, and the fire is not quenched.** 49 **For everyone will be salted with fire.** 50 **Salt is good, but if the salt should lose its flavor, how can you season it? Have salt among yourselves, and be at peace with one another.”**

10:1 He set out from there and went to the region of Judea and across the Jordan. Then crowds converged on Him again, and as was His custom He taught them again.

2 Some Pharisees came to test Him, asking, “Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?” 3 He replied to them, “**What did Moses command you?**” 4 They said, “Moses permitted us to write divorce papers and send her away.” 5 But Jesus told them, “**He wrote this command for you because of the hardness of your hearts.** 6 **But from the beginning of creation God made them male and female.** 7 **For this reason a man will leave his father and mother** 8 **and the two will become one flesh. So they are no longer two, but one flesh.** 9 **Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate.”**

10 When they were in the house again, the disciples questioned Him about this matter. 11 He said to them, “**Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her.** 12 **Also, if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery.”**