

*Matthew 19:3-6*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Some Pharisees approached him, and tested him, saying, "Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife for any cause whatever?"

He said in reply, "Have you not read that from the beginning the Creator *'made them male and female'* and said, *'For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh'?*

So they are no longer two, but one flesh.

Therefore, what God has joined together, no human being must separate."

The Gospel of the Lord.