

# The Message

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## **The Great Divorce**

**Matthew 19:3-9**



# The Fifth Point of the Covenant

“What is the future of this outfit?”



# **This 5<sup>th</sup> Section Is Divided into Two Parts:**

- The first part deals with discontinuity (disinheritance & divorce).
- The second part deals with continuity (New Covenant).



# The Great Divorce

“Therefore I say to you, the kingdom of God will be taken from you and given to a nation bearing the fruits of it” (Matthew 21:43).



# **The Two Wives of Jehovah and the Bride of Christ**

God gave Israel a certificate of divorce, yet her treacherous sister Judah did not fear, but went and played the harlot also (Jeremiah 3:8).



**The Kingdom of Heaven Belongs  
to Little Children**

It is their inheritance.



# The Rich Young Ruler

(A Type of Jerusalem)

“What shall I do to inherit eternal life?”

(Luke 18:18)



# Vineyard Workers

Matthew 20:1-6

9 am

Noon

3 pm

5 pm



# All Paid the Same

“So the last will be first, and the first last.”

“Or do you begrudge my generosity?”



# **The Third Announcement – The Great Divorce**

Judas delivered Him to the chief priests.

The chief priests delivered Him over to the Gentiles.

The Gentiles delivered Him to be mocked, flogged, and  
killed.



# The Triumphal Parody

Riding on a donkey.



# Kicking Over Tables



# The Fig Tree

“Let no fruit ever grow on you again.”



# Parable of the Two Sons:

**“I won’t / I will”**

“What do you think? Who obeyed?”

Matthew (21:28)



# Parable of the Vinedressers

“He will come and destroy those vinedressers and give the vineyard to others” (Luke 20:16).



# What Do We Learn from This?

“If God did not spare the natural branches, He may not spare you either.”



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