

Jesus said "wife" not "espoused" in His exceptions

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Assertions/Conclusions of this Article

Here we wish to show simply that in both of His exceptions, that our Lords actual words are referring to a 'wife' and not restricted to an 'espoused' wife as Mary was referred to.

Supporting Evidence

In His exception clauses, Jesus is clearly referring to a lawful wife. If Jesus had been only referring to the betrothal period in the exception clause, He would have used the very term used for Mary at times...."espoused wife" or "espoused" (see G3423) in His exception clause.

Luk 2:5

To be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child.

G3423

mnace-tyoo'-o

From a derivative of G3415; to give a souvenir (engagement present), that is, betroth: - espouse.

IF Jesus had actually intended to only indicate an espoused wife in His exceptions, then surely the Lord of all creation could have mustered up the wisdom to make it clear that that was His intent.

We see that in neither case does He use the term for 'espoused wife' as used in the passage above to describe Mary pre-hometaking.

Mat 5:32 KJV

But I say unto you, That whosoever shall put away his wife, saving for the cause of fornication, causeth her to commit adultery: and whosoever shall marry her that is divorced committeth adultery.

Mat 19:9 KJV

And I say unto you, Whosoever shall put away his wife, except it be for fornication, and shall marry another, committeth adultery: and whoso marrieth her which is put away doth commit adultery.

IF it would have actually been our Lord intent to specify ONLY the espoused wife, as some of our peers claim, then surely the writer would have been able to come up with a way to clarify that point instead of leaving it in such a manner as to indicate ANY 'wife' either before or after hometaking..

Jesus did not restrict His exception to betrothal or even premarital sex.

IF, as some false doctrines assert, Christ's exceptions applied ONLY to a situation like Mary and Josephs, then it seems as though Jesus could have had the sense to SAY BETROTHED/ESPOUSED wife.

As His exceptions stand they cannot be interpreted as being in any way restricted to the espoused wife.