

These issues have been heavily debated over the centuries of church history. In a sense the real culprit is the exception in Jesus' teaching on divorce as recorded in Matthew. In what follows we shall first state and explain the main views on divorce and remarriage. Then we shall turn to the interpretation of key OT and NT passages to see which view is best upheld by Scripture.

The many views on divorce and remarriage can be divided into three broad groups: 1) no divorce views; 2) divorce but no remarriage views; and 3) divorce and remarriage views. The issue is further complicated by another consideration, namely, did Jesus ever utter the exception clauses, or are they Matthew's or someone else's editorial insertion? Regardless of how one understands the origin of these clauses, this matter only increases the complexity of determining Jesus' and Scripture's teaching on divorce and remarriage.¹

¹ Feinberg, J. S., & Feinberg, P. D. (1993). *Ethics for a Brave new world* (pp. 305–306). Wheaton, IL: Crossway Books.