

# Marriage: One Man & One Woman

MEMORY HOOK →

**CREED****C** → **R** → **E** → **E** → **D**

Creation design · Reason / natural law · Elevate children · Expression liberty · Definition matters

OPENING FRAME → START HERE

Marriage is not a private lifestyle label — it is a pre-political institution oriented to man, woman, and children.

**CREED PATH****C****CREATION DESIGN**

Male and female; “one flesh” — affirmed by Jesus (Gen 1–2; Matt 19).

**R****REASON / NATURAL LAW**

Bodies are complementary; only male–female union is procreative by nature.

**E****ELEVATE CHILDREN**

Kids do best with a mother and a father; fatherlessness is a social crisis.

**E****EXPRESSION LIBERTY**

Redefinition has coerced bakers, florists, and adoption agencies.

**D****DEFINITION MATTERS**

If marriage means anything, it cannot mean everything.

**COUNTERS****THEY SAY**

“Jesus never mentioned homosexuality”

**YOU SAY**

He reaffirmed Genesis male–female marriage (Matt 19 / Mark 10). That settles the design.

**THEY SAY**

“Love is love”

**YOU SAY**

Love is necessary, not sufficient. The institution exists for a purpose beyond adult feelings.

**THEY SAY**

“Same-sex couples can be good parents”

**YOU SAY**

Individual cases ≠ the normative ideal. Policy should favor what is best for children as a class.

**THEY SAY**

“This is just Old Testament law”

**YOU SAY**

Jesus and the New Testament reaffirm the creation pattern — not a temporary civil code.

**CLOSE** → → Speak of design and children first. Clarity ≠ cruelty. Memory hook: CREED.