

## Is Jesus Making a Statement Regarding the Age of the Earth in Mark 10:6?

"But **from the beginning of creation**, 'God made them male and female.'" (Mark 10:6)

Collins points out that "the total time since the absolute creation is irrelevant to Jesus' point in Mark 10: 6."<sup>1</sup> The answer to the question of whether Jesus was making a statement about the age of the earth can also be answered by comparing Matthew 19:4. There Matthew writes, "He answered, 'Have you not read that **he who created them from the beginning made them male and female?**'" Jesus is simply stating that all human beings have always been created male and female.

The same can be seen in Matthew 19:8 where Jesus states, "Because of your hardness of heart Moses allowed you to divorce your wives, but **from the beginning it was not so.**" He is simply stating that from the first marriage on, God's intention was that a marriage was to be permanent.

In these passages Jesus was discussing marriage not the age of the earth.

<sup>1</sup> C. John Collins, *Science & Faith: Friends or Foes?* (Wheaton: Crossway, 203), 107.