

Mark Chapter Seven

Keys to This Chapter

Key Passage: Verse 15

“There is nothing that enters a man from outside which can defile him; but the things which come out of him, those are the things that defile a man.”

Key People

Pharisees
Scribes
Jesus
The disciples
Isaiah
Moses
Syro-Phoenician woman

Key Places

Jerusalem
Tyre
Sidon
Decapolis
Sea of Galilee

Key Words

Tradition
Hypocrites
Corban
Defile
Impediment
Ephphatha

Key Lesson

Questions on the Text

1. With what did the Pharisees and Sadducees find fault when they came to Jesus from Jerusalem?
2. What traditions, according to verses three and four, did the Pharisees and all the Jews practice? Why was that their practice?
3. What did Jesus call the Pharisees and Scribes? Why did He call them that? (vv. 6-8)
4. How, according to verses 9 through 13, did the Pharisees and Scribes “reject the commandment of God?”
5. According to Jesus:
 - a. What does not defile a person?
 - b. What does defile a person?
 - c. What evil things come from within a person?
6. While He was in the region of Tyre and Sidon, who came to Jesus and fell at His feet? What was her repeated request?
7. What was Jesus’ initial response to the one who fell at His feet? What was her reply? What, then, did Jesus do for her?
8. After leaving the region of Tyre and Sidon, where did Jesus go?
9. Who was brought to Jesus? What did Jesus do for him?
10. What was the reaction of those who saw what Jesus had done for the one who was brought to Him?

Matching

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| _____ 1. Pharisees and scribes | A. “This people honors Me with their lips.” |
| _____ 2. Isaiah | B. “Why do Your disciples not walk according to the tradition of the elders?” |
| _____ 3. Syro-Phoenician woman | C. “Honor your father and your mother.” |
| _____ 4. Jesus | D. “Ephphatha.” |
| _____ 5. Moses | E. “Yes, Lord, even the little dogs...eat from the children’s crumbs.” |

True - False

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| T | F | 1. Some Pharisees and scribes came to Jesus from Jericho. |
| T | F | 2. Isaiah said that teaching the commandments of men as doctrine makes worship vain. |
| T | F | 3. That which enters a person from outside defiles him. |
| T | F | 4. When Jesus entered a house in the region of Tyre and Sidon He wanted no one to know He was there. |
| T | F | 5. The people said that Jesus made the deaf speak and mute hear. |

Discussion Question

Why does teaching as doctrines the commandments of men make worship vain?