

Mark 7:1-23 “Toe to Toe with Tradition”

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Missing the “Truck Load of Evidence”

Jesus Goes Toe to Toe with the Religious Leaders

- The Closer to the Cross, The More Polarized They Are
- Finding Fault and Blinded by the Obvious

Shattering the Meek and Mild Jesus!

Mark 7:1-5

The Leaders Come from Jerusalem

- The Problem? Unwashed Hands?

The Tradition of the Elders

- What Would Moses Do? The Word of God, The Word of Men
- Going too Far.... “Building a Fence around the Law”

Not Hygiene but Ceremonial Religious Washings Exo 30:19

- Special Mindless Procedure...with Serious Threats!
- There is Good Tradition

Mark 7:6-9

Defining and the Dangers of Hypocrisy Isa 29:13

#1 Honor with Your Lips but the Heart is Not Involved

- Right Behavior..... But Mindless, Heartless Worship

#2 Problems with Tradition

- Rejects and Replaces the Word of God
- Strangles Your Relationship with God
- Gives You False Security

Mark 7:10-13

Jesus Gets in Their Grill

- Jesus Broke Tradition, They Broke the Word of God 2 examples

#1 Exo 20:12 Honor Father and Mother

- Caring for Aged Parents
- When the Roles are Reversed!

The Corban Loophole

- Dedicate it to Temple and Look Spiritual
- Violate the Word of God and Neglect Your Parents

Mark 7:14-19

#2 Misleading the People About Food

- Food Can't Defile You, Nor Can it Make You Righteous

The Jew and The Dietary Laws

- Different, Separate and Teaching Tool

Food is Physical, Not Spiritual

- Bathroom Theology & Preparation for Acts 10
- Its Not What's on Your Plate....It's What's in Your Heart

Mark 7:20-23

True Defilement Comes from an Unwashed Heart

- An Uncomfortable List....We are all Guilty

#1 The Problem is on the Inside

- A Sin Nature, A Sin Magnet and Sin Factory
- Life's Greatest Tragedy

#2 A Haunting Verse "Keep it Real"