MARK 7:1-23

STUDY QUESTIONS

1. Once again the Pharisees attempt to discredit the Lord. What is their criticism this time?

2. Are the cleansing rituals of the Pharisees consistent with the law of Moses?

3. What do the Pharisees follow instead of the commandment of God?

4. What example does Jesus give of elevating human traditions over God's decrees?

5. What is an example today of this?

Parallels in other gospels:

Conflict over cleansing rules: Matt. 15:1-20

6. How do verses 14-23 follow from the preceding ones?

7. How might we try to blame things outside ourselves for wickedness that comes from within?

8. Does verse 19 repeal the dietary laws given to Moses (the prohibition on pork, etc.)?

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