

MARK

THE SERVANT'S GOSPEL



Lesson Six
Mark 7:1-8:26

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1. What do the Pharisees and scribes see that they take issue with?
 - Jesus' disciples ate with unwashed hands (7:2)

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2. What prophet does Jesus quote in response to the question of the Pharisees and scribes?
What is His point?
 - Isaiah 29:13
 - Their worship was worthless since it was according to the ritualistic traditions of the Jewish leaders rather than the commands of God

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3. What example does Jesus use to highlight the issue of following the traditions of men?
 - God commanded children to honor and care for their parents (Ex 20:12; 21:17)
 - The traditions of the elders allowed for the people to ignore this command by making a verbal declaration to give those funds to the temple

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4. What is the true source of defilement?
 - The heart (7:15, 18-19)

Mark 7:24-30

5. Who came to Jesus to be healed? What is unique about her compared to many of the other people Jesus healed?
- A woman whose daughter was possessed by an unclean spirit (7:25)
 - She was a Gentile (7:26)

Mark 7:24-30

6. Explain Jesus' statement and the woman's response in 7:27-28.
 - Jesus came to fulfill the promises to the Jews first (cf. Matt 15:24)
 - She was asking that she receive a tiny morsel from the great storehouse of God's blessings being opened to the Jews

Mark 8:1-10

7. What was the reaction of the disciples when Jesus suggested they should feed the multitude? Should they have responded in this way?

“Then His disciples answered Him; ‘How can one satisfy these people with bread here in the wilderness?’” (Mk 8:4, NKJV)

Mark 8:11-21

8. How were the Pharisees testing Jesus? What was their motive? Explain Jesus' response to them.
- The Pharisees were demanding a sign. (Mk 8:11)
 - They were seeking to discredit Him before the people.

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- Jesus sighed (Mk 8:12)
- He refused to give them a sign.

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9. What was Jesus trying to get the apostles to understand in 8:14-21?
 - He was warning them against the dangerous doctrines of the Jewish leaders
 - Jesus used their misunderstanding to address their hardness of heart

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10. What can we learn from Jesus about being a servant in these passages?