

# The Gospel of Mark - Lesson 12

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Mark 7:1-37

## 1. Two discourses to some traveling Pharisees (7:1-23)

**First** - Some Pharisees traveled to Capernaum from Jerusalem (about 80 miles). Observing Christ's disciples, the Pharisees become judgmental and \_\_\_\_\_. Their religion made everything clean on the outside: pots, cups, tables, hands. But their practices were only external and traditional. They questioned Christ on why His disciples didn't wash their hands before eating, according to the tradition of elders.

Christ called them \_\_\_\_\_, whose hearts were far from God. Ceremonialism and traditionalism had replaced the commandments of God. They made the Word of God of none \_\_\_\_\_, even teaching that it was more important to give to their religion rather than take care of their \_\_\_\_\_.

**Second** - Jesus called all the people together and taught that it was not what they put in their mouths that defiled them. Rather, what comes out of their mouths and is shown in their lives has originated in their \_\_\_\_\_. He expounds to the disciples what He meant. He gives thirteen examples of evils that start in the heart, then comes out in a \_\_\_\_\_. These defile a man - not eating with unwashed hands.

## 2. A Greek woman has her daughter delivered from a devil (7:24-30)

Jesus went to the sea-coast towns of Tyre and Sidon, on the Mediterranean Sea (40 miles away). He wanted to retire for a while, but was met by a \_\_\_\_\_ woman who had a daughter possessed of an unclean spirit. She had heard of Jesus, and fell at His feet, begging Him to cast the devil out of the daughter.

Jesus tested her \_\_\_\_\_ by referring to Gentiles as dogs. This was a very common way for Jews to address Gentiles (Greeks) in that day. Jesus said He was sent to feed the children of Israel. She said that is true, but the dogs eat of the crumbs under the children's table. Jesus honored her \_\_\_\_\_ and faith, and healed her daughter.

## 3. A deaf and "\_\_\_\_\_" man healed in Decapolis (7:31-37)

Returning from Tyre and Sidon, Jesus comes to Decapolis (the Ten Cities) - about 50 miles. Thoughtful people bring a man who was deaf and had a speech impediment ("dumb") to Him.

Jesus did not do the miracle as they expected of Him, but instead took the man aside and performed a \_\_\_\_\_ and prayer like in no other miracle.

Every miracle is \_\_\_\_\_. Jesus does not do things our way, but His way, and in His time. Our part is to get people to Jesus and let Him work.