

THE GOSPEL OF **MARK**[®] *servant* **KING**

LESSON 11 MARK 7:1-37

Please use the New Living Translation (NLT) for clarity.

The Religious Leaders sent some men from Jerusalem to check up on Jesus. They did not like what they found when they arrived and talked with Jesus. Jesus scolded these men for trying to look good on the outside of their lives while their hearts were far from honoring and loving God. Jesus wants us to love Him from our hearts.

MEMORY VERSE

“You leave the commandment of God and hold to the tradition of man.” **MARK 7:8**

JESUS TEACHES ABOUT INNER PURITY

Read **Mark 7:1-5**. Then answer the questions or fill in the blanks below.

1. The Pharisees and teachers of religious law came from Jerusalem to question Jesus. What did they notice about Jesus’ disciples? Circle the correct answer.
 - Jesus’ disciples failed the handwashing tradition.
 - Jesus’ disciples did not carry a Bible.
 - Jesus’ disciples were lazy.
2. These leaders asked Jesus: “Why don’t your disciples follow our age old _____? They eat without first performing the _____ washing ceremony.” **Mark 7:5**

The Religious leaders and teachers held the tradition of a special way to wash their hands before they ate their food. Also, they practiced washing all their dishes and pots and pans in a very special way. They were following their own made-up traditions and not the commandments from God. They assumed this tradition made them look holy and very good to people around them.

3. What did Jesus call these men? _____ Who did Jesus quote? _____ **Mark 7:6**
Jesus said these men _____ Him with their _____ but their _____ are _____
from _____. Their worship is a _____ for they teach _____ made ideas as
_____ from God. **Mark 7: 6-7**

A hypocrite is someone who pretends to be something they are not. It is like wearing a mask and pretending you are someone besides yourself. Have you ever pretended to be someone who is really good when in your heart you know that is not true?

4. What did Jesus say these men ignored? _____ and they substituted their own _____.

Mark 7:8

Jesus warned these men who were Religious Leaders that He was not against all traditions, just the traditions they made more important than God's commandments.

5. Jesus gave an example of how these men made traditions more important than the commandments of God's law. What clear command of God's law did Jesus use as the example of putting tradition before the commandment? **Mark 7:10-13** Circle the right answer.

- Thou shalt not steal.
- Thou shalt not have any Gods but Me.
- You must not murder.
- Honor your Father and Mother.

6. Jesus continued to teach the crowd of people gathered around Him. What did Jesus say defiled a person?

_____ **Mark 7:14-20**

7. What are the things Jesus said come from our hearts that defiles us? **Mark 7:21-23**

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| 2) _____ | 9) _____ |
| 3) _____ | 10) _____ |
| 4) _____ | 11) _____ |
| 5) _____ | 12) _____ |
| 6) _____ | 13) _____ |
| 7) _____ | 14) _____ |

Sin begins in our hearts and serves to defile or makes us unclean before God. Our thoughts should please God, but sometimes our thoughts are sinful. The Bible tells us in Philippians 4:8: "Fix your thoughts on what is true, and right and pure and lovely and admirable. Think about things that are excellent and worthy of praise."

When we have sinful thoughts, the Bible says we should go to God and confess those sinful thoughts. Jesus is faithful to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all sin.

JESUS HEALS A GENTILE WOMAN'S DAUGHTER

Read Mark 7:24-30. Then answer the questions below.

Jesus leaves the Galilee region and travels about 30 miles to Tyre and Sidon to a Gentile region. Jesus was mostly surrounded by Jews but in the area of Galilee, He would meet with non-Jewish people called Gentiles.

8. Jesus went to houses in secret, most likely to rest, but He couldn't keep His presence a secret. Who came to Him right away? _____ What did she do when she saw Jesus? _____. What was wrong with her daughter? _____? What did she beg Jesus to do for her?

_____ **Mark 7:24-26**

9. Since this woman was not a Jew, what did Jesus tell her? "First, I should feed the children, my own _____ the _____. It is not right to take the food from the _____ and throw it to the _____." **Mark 7:27**

10. How did this woman answer Jesus and what was she willing to receive from Him? _____ **Mark 7:28** Jesus answered her with _____. What did Jesus do for her daughter? _____ **Mark 7:29-30**

Jesus honors our faith when we keep asking. This woman had heard Jesus had the ability to heal her daughter, so she persisted to seek out Jesus. This woman was willing, in faith, to receive whatever Jesus would give her. Sometimes, we have to ask Jesus in prayer many times before we see the answer. Jesus honors our faithful and persistent prayers.

What are you praying to Jesus for today? Will you continue to be persistent in prayer like this woman?

JESUS CONTINUES TO HEAL

Mark 7:31-37. Then answer the questions below.

11. Jesus returned to the Galilee region. Who was brought to Jesus? _____ What did the people beg Jesus to do for him? _____ **Mark 7:31-32**
12. Jesus did three things before He healed this man. Write the three things Jesus did: **Mark 7:33**
 - 1) _____
 - 2) _____
 - 3) _____
13. Jesus then _____ up to _____ and He _____ and said _____, which means Be _____. **Mark 7:34**
14. What happened instantly? _____ **Mark 7:35**
15. What did Jesus tell the crowd? _____ Did the crowd do what He told them to do? _____ **Mark 7:36**
16. Describe the excitement of the crowd

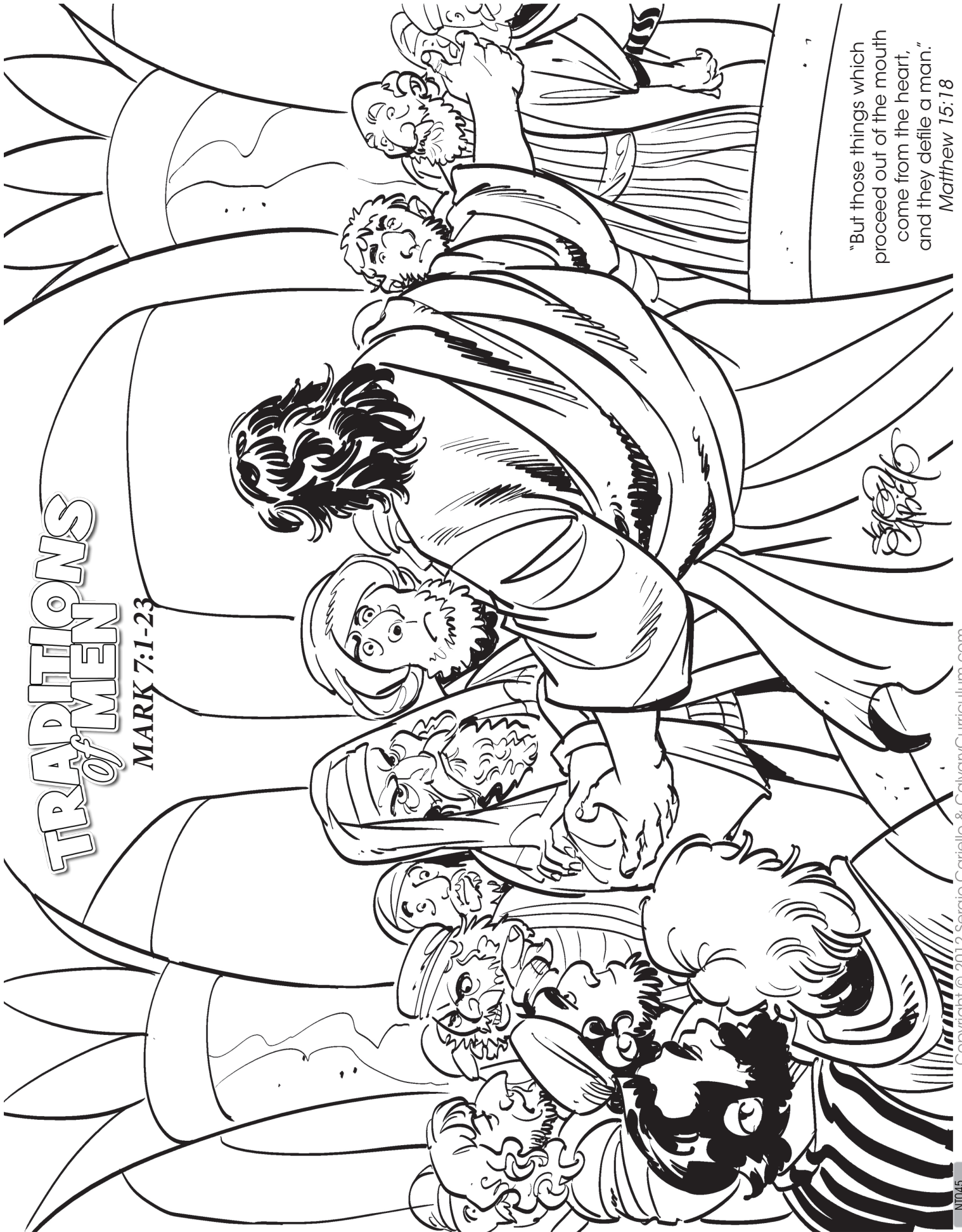
What were they saying?

_____ **Mark 7:37**

In today's lesson, we see two types of people who came to Jesus. First, the Pharisees and Religious people who thought they could be made right with Jesus by coming to Him with their own idea of righteousness. Second, others who came to Jesus by faith knowing He was the only one who could help them. How do you come to Jesus?

TRADITIONS of MEN

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KEY WORDS

Scribes
Pharisees
Transgress
Tradition
Honor
Gift to God

Hypocrites
Mouth
Disciples
Heart
Blind
Parable

M O U T H H A M H Y P O C R I T E S C R O
S E E S I R A H P A N D E L B A R A P O C
Y E L I F E D D M A N O I T I D A R T N M
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