Mark Chapter 7

Pharisees; strict legalists, they were nationalists in politics, religious

Sadducees: the wealthy, social-minded church, no spiritual depth

Herodians: political opportunists, interested in pleasing the king

Clean and Unclean

Vs. 1-4 Traditions and rituals

 Man’s law vs. God’s law

 Pharisees traveled over 100 miles to challenge Christ.

Jesus had just fed 5,000+ without washing his hands

Vs. 5 Tradition of “elders”

 “Why aren’t they doing what we do?”

Vs. 6-7 Lip service vs. heart service

 Romans 10:9

 Pharisees want the *appearance* of godliness without the *devotion*.

Vs. 8 Following Man’s laws vs. God’s laws

 *Corrupt customs are only destroyed by destroying corrupt notions.*

Vs. 9-13 Corban: a gift devoted to God

 Pharisees perverted gift devoted to God for personal gain

 1 Timothy 5: 8

Vs. 14-23 The heart determines clean and unclean

 Vs. 19 Jesus declares all food to be clean!!

 List of evil starts with evil-thinking and ends with no-thinking.

The Faith of the Syrophoenician Woman

Vs. 24 Tyre: A Gentile town, into a house

Vs. 25 Woman fell at his feet, she knew Jesus was to be worshipped!

Vs. 26 She begged Jesus to drive demon out of daughter

 She knew Jesus had authority over demons

 *The greatest prayer a mother can have is Jesus destroys the power of Satan in her children’s lives!!!!*

Vs. 27 Jesus challenges her faith, her belief that God loves her.

Vs. 28 She recognizes she only needs a small touch of Jesus

Vs. 29-30 She receives her miracle

 Jesus authority is not hindered by distance!!!

The Healing of a Deaf and Mute Man

Vs. 31 Decapolis: ten cities: Scythopolis, Hippos, Pella, Damascus, Gerasa, Gadara, Raphana, Dion, Canatha, Philadelphia

Vs. 32 Praise the Lord for people who bring others to Jesus!!!

 These people believed in the power of Jesus Christ

Vs. 33 Jesus touched the man and gave of Himself

Vs. 34 Ephphatha!!!! Be opened!!!

 Exodus 4: 11

Vs. 35 Jesus touched the man, he is never the same!!!

 Isaiah 35: 5-6: Jesus shows He is indeed the Messiah!!

Vs. 36-37 A picture of humility

 He has done everything well.