

October 19, 2014
The Bridge Bible Fellowship
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Mark 7:1-13

“Sola Scriptura”

- I. The Title – 1:1
- II. The Prologue – 1:2-13
- III. The Body: The Public Demonstration of Who Jesus Is and What He Came to Do – 1:14-15:41
 - A. The Galilean Ministry: Who Jesus Is (the Christ) - 1:14-8:30
 - 1. The Gospel Call (1:14-20)
 - 2. Power Fishing (1:21-2:17)
 - 3. Relationship vs. Religion (2:18-3:6)
 - 4. Team Jesus (3:7-19)
 - 5. Team Jesus? (3:20-35)
 - 6. Teaching in Parables (4:1-34)
 - 7. Teaching through Miracles (4:35-6:6)
 - 8. Training the Twelve (6:7-56)
 - 9. Truth vs. Tradition [“Sola Scriptura”] (7:1-23)**

a. Defilement according to Tradition (7:1-13)

1) Confrontation (7:1-5)

2) Correction (7:6-9)

3) Illustration (7:10-13)

So What?

Discussion Questions & Applications:

1. Why are the Pharisees and some of the scribes coming all the way from Jerusalem to see Jesus? Do they want to learn from Him? Do they want to follow Him? If not, what do they want? (See Mark 3:6)
2. What are “traditions”? Are “traditions” always bad? If not, why were the traditions of the Jews so bad? What had their traditions slowly replaced? Why is this bad?
3. What is “Legalism”? Give some examples of legalism in our lives / churches today.
4. What does “Sola Scriptura” mean? Why was this so important to the Reformers? Why is this so important in the church today? Do you believe the Bible is sufficient? If so, how does that show up in your lifestyle?
5. Why didn’t Jesus just tell His disciples to wash their hands? Wouldn’t that have prevented the conflict? Wouldn’t that have been more sensitive to “a weaker brother”? Is there something deeper going on here? Why did Jesus WANT the confrontation to take place?
6. Mark 7:6-7 quotes Is. 29:13. Read Isaiah 1 and then read Isaiah 29. What was God’s concern with the people of Israel? What had they done to true religion and to the Laws of God? Did it get better or get worse between the time of Isaiah and the time of Jesus?
7. What commands in the Law of God might the Jews have pointed to as justification for their constant washing? How did they twist those Laws?
8. According to Mark 7:8-9 what is the root problem with the legalists?
9. What was “Corban”? How did the Pharisees and scribes use “Corban” to invalidate the Word of God?
10. Was Jesus against laws? Did He come to abolish laws? If not, why did He come? How are laws critical to our understanding of our need for Jesus? (See Gal. 3:24) If Jesus wasn’t against “laws” in general, what was He so strongly against here?
11. Why is legalism in conflict with the Gospel of Jesus? Read Phil. 3 and the testimony of Paul. What did he have to stop trusting in so he could trust completely in the person and finished work of Jesus?
12. What are you trusting in right now for eternal life?
13. Do you know anyone who is trusting in his or her own good works or religion to make it to heaven? Go share with them the GOOD NEWS of Jesus Christ!