

**BREAKING OUT OF LEGALISM – III**  
**“Jesus Battle With the Establishment”**  
**Mark 7:1-23**

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A delegation from Jerusalem came to investigate Jesus as he was doing ministry in Galilee. They couldn't believe that Jesus and his disciples weren't following all the traditions of their ancestors regarding the washing of hands before eating and following other ceremonial traditions. How did all these traditions come to pass? Today's teaching will answer that question and reveal how Jesus and the Jewish leaders had contrasting views of holiness.

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**#1. A DELEGATION OF JEWISH LEADERS CAME TO INVESTIGATE JESUS, vv. 1-4**

- A. The washing of hands before eating was a ritual
- B. The washing of cups, pitchers, and kettles were rituals
- C. The Jewish world was divided into the clean and unclean
- D. These traditions were laborious

**#2. HOW DID THE ANCESTRAL TRADITIONS ORIGINATE?**

- A. The Jews imposed the holiness rules for the priests on everybody
- B. They put a fence around the law to guide people in obedience
- C. They were trying to fill in gaps of Scripture
- D. They were trying to keep their Jewish identity from all other peoples
- E. They were trying to be mindful of God in every area of life
- F. They viewed their traditions as being equal to Scripture

**#3. THE QUESTION AND HEART OF THE CONFLICT THEY HAD WITH JESUS, vv. 5-8**

**Why don't your disciples live according to the tradition of the elders instead of eating their food with defiled hands?"**

- A. Jesus called them hypocrites & quoted Isaiah 29:13, vv. 6-7
- B. Jesus saw the Jews walking in the footsteps of their ancestors
- C. Jesus saw their traditions as violating the word of God, v. 8

**#4. JESUS CALLS THEM ON THE PRACTICE OF CORBAN, vv. 9-13**

- A. Honor your parents – one of the 10 commandments
- B. The Corban vow (devoted to God) dishonored their parents
- C. The vow was irreversible
- D. It was a loophole many Jews used
- E. Jesus condemned the practice

**#5. JESUS TEACHES ON TRUE HOLINESS, vv. 14-23**

- A. What makes a person clean?
- B. He declared all food clean
- C. What a person touches or eats can't make them unclean
- D. What originates inside a person's heart is what makes them unclean.
- E. Jesus is pointing to the fallen condition of man
- F. The solution to this is the new birth, John 3:3 & 5, 2 Cor 5:17, Titus 3:5

**NOTES:**

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- #1. What was the heart of the conflict that existed between Jesus and the Jewish leaders?
- #2. What does it mean to be clean and unclean for Jews?
- #3. Discuss how all the ancestral traditions developed?
- #4. What observations can you make about the question the Jewish leaders asked Jesus? (v. 5)
- #5. What observations can you make about Jesus' answer to their question? (vv. 6-8)
- #6. What is significant about Jesus quoting Isaiah 29:13?
- #7. For what reason(s) did Jesus condemn their practice of Corban?
- #8. Both Judaism and Jesus advocated holiness, however they differed on how to arrive at a state of holiness. What was the Jewish leaders approach to holiness? What was Jesus' approach to holiness? (vv. 14-19)
- #9. What observations can you make about Jesus' comment on the human heart? (vv. 20-23)
- #10. What is the solution to the corruption of the human heart?
- #11. What are some ways that traditions employed in today's world can become legalistic like the Pharisees?
- #12. What is your takeaway from this teaching?

# *Welcome*

to

# *Hillcrest Church*

*Love God, Love Each Other!*

*It is for freedom that Christ has set us free.  
Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be  
burdened again by a yoke of slavery.*

*Galatians 5:1*

*March 6, 2022  
Pastor Bruce Guckelberg, PhD*

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **THIS MORNING'S TEACHING**

Pastor Bruce is continuing his series "Breaking Out of Legalism". His teaching this morning will focus on three different varieties of legalism which are all harmful to one's spiritual health. Next week's message will focus on chapters 4-9 in the book.

### **JOIN US FOR OUR ONLINE GATHERINGS**

Tuesday Prayer at 7:00pm

Wednesday Bible Study at 6:30pm

Go to the online meeting room on our website ([hillcrestRoseville.com](http://hillcrestRoseville.com)) to access the gathering.

### **YOGA FOR OUR COMMUNITY**

Every Saturday at 10am Pastor Bruce is teaching a yoga class which is open to our community at no charge. Invite a friend.

### **BOOKS FOR THE SERMON SERIES ARE AVAILABLE**

Pastor Bruce's book on legalism is available in the back of the sanctuary for \$20, or any donation. The book is also available on amazon in the kindle format. All proceeds of the book go into the building fund.

### **THANK YOU FOR YOUR FINANCIAL SUPPORT**

Our offering box is in the back of the sanctuary. You can place your tithes and offerings there, or you can visit our website and give online ([hillcrestroseville.com](http://hillcrestroseville.com)).

### **DAYLIGHT SAVINGS**

March 13, turn your clocks ahead one hour

### **SPRING CLEANING / WORK DAY**

April 2, Saturday at 9am – noon. Stop in and help clean up the church. A list of work to be done will be provided. Coffee, donuts and lunch will be served.

## **PALM SUNDAY APRIL 10th**

### **GOOD FRIDAY APRIL 15th**

Join us for our service Friday at 6pm.

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