

**LESSONS THIS QUARTER**

- 1) 03 Mar..... Mark 01..... Calls
- 2) 10 Mar..... Mark 02..... Forgives
- 3) 17 Mar..... Mark 03-04..... Unites
- 4) 24 Mar..... Mark 05..... Restores
- 5) 31 Mar..... Mark 06..... Sends
- 6) **07 Apr..... Mark 07..... Includes**
- 7) 14 Apr..... Mark 08-09..... Commands
- 8) 21 Apr..... Mark 15..... Saves
- 9) 28 Apr..... Mark 10..... Serves
- 10) 05 May..... Mark 11-12..... Purifies

**INTRODUCTION**

- Jesus addressed legalistic doctrines of men; He remotely healed the daughter of a Greek heathen, then he healed a deaf/dumb man with a 3-step process – Stick, Spit, and Speak.

Passage	Comments
Mark 7:1-13	<p><b>Legalism Kills</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pharisees and Scribes considered their legalistic practices to be on par with the rest of Scripture                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Yet, we are told not to be excessively righteous &amp; not to go beyond what is written .. <a href="#">Ecc 7:16</a>; <a href="#">1Cor 4:6</a></li> </ul> </li> <li>• v7. Where do we see vain worship these days, where people worship God with their lips &amp; not their hearts?                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ v9. Where ever we ignore God's word in favor of more money in the coffers or favor of the people, etc                                     <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. People must meet our standards before coming to Christ</li> <li>2. Church constitution overrides biblical teachings</li> </ol> </li> </ul> </li> </ul>
Legalism vs Liberty in Christ	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• God designed Judaism based on the Mosaic Law (which has 613 laws → 365 were probations – “Thou shall NOT” and 248 were affirmations – “Thou shall”).</li> <li>• Yet, God showed through the imperfect Law of Moses that legalism of do's and don'ts did not make the Jews a God-fearing holy people having pure doctrine &amp; morals.</li> <li>• Next, God designed His NT Church based on liberties found in Christ. IOW, our behavior is motivated by our love for God, bounded by biblical commands &amp; principles.</li> <li>• As Paul told Timothy, laws were not made for the righteous but for the disobedient..... <a href="#">1Tim 1:9</a></li> </ul>
7:14-23	<p><b>Real Defilement Erupts from the Inside</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fruit of the Spirit vs fruit of the flesh                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Can people see which fruit we are producing?</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
7:24-30	<p><b>A Greek Woman Receives A Healing for Her Daughter After Passing the Faith Test ..... of <a href="#">Mat 15:21-28</a></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• vv24-26. Again, Jesus' reputation proceeded Him where ever He went. He found little quiet time.                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Why did Jesus refuse to answer this lady's repeated requests for help? After all, He gave us a command to give to everyone who asks of us ..... <a href="#">Mat 5:42</a></li> <li>◆ Jesus allowed this woman to show her true faith in Him before receiving a healing for her girl, one of 3 remote healings (cf Centurion's servant, <a href="#">Mat 8:5-13</a>, and the Capernaum official's son, <a href="#">John 4:46-54</a>)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<p><b>Hermeneutic Principle</b> – Just because a passage doesn't state any conditions doesn't mean it doesn't have them.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The command to give to everyone who asks has conditions when you consider the whole counsel of God.                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ We should not give pearls to swine/fools/the wicked ..... <a href="#">Mat 7:6</a> (This woman was considered a swine till she showed her faith)</li> <li>◆ Those who don't work don't eat – even if they ask.... <a href="#">2Thes 3:10</a></li> <li>◆ Even Jesus didn't give to everyone who asked Him of things                                     <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Jews asked for a sign &amp; He gave them Jonah ... <a href="#">Mat 12:38-39</a></li> <li>2. Jews asked for more food after He fed 5,000 of them the day before and He, essentially said no. They should instead seek for the food that endures to eternal life..... <a href="#">John 6:1-27</a></li> </ol> </li> </ul> </li> </ul>	

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7:31-35	<p><b>Jesus Had Many Ways to Heal, and It Never Took Medicine, Surgery, or Days, Weeks, Months, or Yrs</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Most of Jesus' healings took only a touch and/or a few words spoken to heal someone in seconds. There were a few notable exceptions where it took longer:                             <p><b><u>Deaf &amp; Dumb Man Healed with a 3-Step Process</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• vv32-35. He stuck His fingers into the man's ears, then put spittle on his tongue, then He spoke, “Be opened”                                     <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ According to Barnes' commentary, the Jews regarded spittle as medicinal for diseased eyes, and they forbade the preparation &amp; use of medicines on the Sabbath. Jesus, by making spittle, showed their manner of keeping the Sabbath was superstitious or legalistic. In essence, their interpretation of the Sabbath was contrary to God's intention that the 7<sup>th</sup> Day of Rest was to be for man's benefit.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><b><u>Blind Man Healed with a 2-Step Process</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jesus put a mud pack on the blind man's eyes and told the man to go wash it off. What was the significance of this healing taking maybe 30 minutes? ..... <a href="#">John 9:1-41</a> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ <b>Consider this.</b> Jesus was big on object lessons. After the man walked maybe 20-30 minutes to wash in the pool of Siloam (lit. Sent) he caused quite a stir with the Pharisees as they were then forced to consider whether they were spiritually blind or not.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><b><u>Another Blind Man Healed with a 4-Step Process</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jesus healed a blind man by 1st taking him out town; 2<sup>nd</sup>, He touched the man's eyes; 3<sup>rd</sup>, He spat on the man's eyes; then 4<sup>th</sup>, He put his hands on the man's eyes again to complete the healing..... <a href="#">Mark 8:22-25</a> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Mark seemed to use this incident to show the blindness of the Apostles, where they had an initial vague image of who Jesus was before Jesus fully opened their eyes of understanding..... <a href="#">Luke 24:45</a></li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul>
7:36-37	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• v36. "...TELL NO ONE". Did Jesus use reverse psychology to deliberately extend His reputation?</li> <li>• v37. AND EVERYONE WAS ASTONISHED</li> </ul>

**CONCLUSION / APPLICATIONS**

- Jesus begins to go for the heart of the matter with His teachings and even His healings. Do we have eyes to see and ears to hear? Are we ready to break down traditions and uphold God and His word?

**NEXT WEEK: Mark 8-9.** Jesus' disciples are still slow to recognize Jesus' mission. Jesus did not miraculously open their eyes yet, but he let them grow at their own pace with some cow-prodding or sharp criticism along the way ('How much longer am I going to be with you?' 'Why are you so slow to understand?' 'Don't you guys remember?')



Some won't believe even if one rises from the dead. Lk 16:31