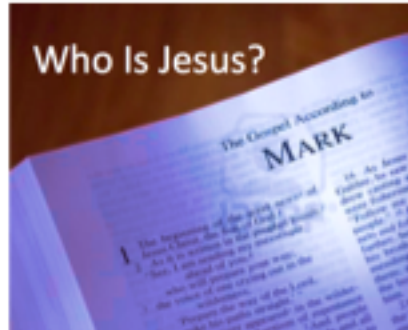


# The Gospel of Mark

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## Day 24: Traditions and Commandments Mark 7:1-13

- **Traditions of the elders vs. Law of Moses:** Pharisees considered traditions as binding as the written law: Isa. 29:13-16; Matt. 5:17-20
- **Honor your father and mother:** Ex. 20:12, 21:17; 1 Tim. 5:4, 8
- **Corban:** a gift devoted to God: Num. 30:2

**Assignment:** Read Isa. 40:8, 55:10-11; and Mark 13:31. What does Jesus teach us about God's Word?

**Remember:** A good question to ask in any situation is: "What does God's Word say?"

## Day 25: What defiles a Person Mark 7:14-23

- **Nature of Defilement:** Ceremonial or Moral?
- **Human heart:** center of one's being, includes mind, emotions and will: Jer. 17:9-10; Ps. 51:10; Matt. 5:8
- **Disciples lack understanding:** Mark 4:10-13, 40, 6:52

**Assignment:** Read Jer. 31:31-34 and Matthew Chapter 5. Why do we need God to give us new hearts?

**Day 26: Syrophenician Woman's Faith, Healing of Deaf Man Mark 7:24-37**

- **Great need and great faith:** Gentile woman: Ex. 4:22; Rom. 1:16, 15:8-12; Isa. 49:6; Matt. 15:21-28
- **Jesus heals a man who was deaf:** Isa. 35:3-6a
- **Spiritual blindness and deafness:** crowds, disciples, religious leaders
- **He has done all things well:** Is he the Messiah?

**Assignment:** *Review the accounts of Jesus healing people in Mark. What similarities and differences do you notice? What can you learn from him in relating to people and their needs?*