

# Baldwin Hills Baptist Church

Sunday, February 5, 2023

Sermon Scriptures

**John 6:58-60 58** “This is **the bread which came down out of heaven**; not as the fathers ate and died; he who eats this bread will live forever.”

**59** These things He said in the synagogue as He taught in Capernaum.

**60** ¶ Therefore **many of His disciples**, when they heard *this* said, “**This is a difficult statement**; who can listen to it?”

**John 6:66** ¶ As a result of this **many of His disciples withdrew** and were not walking with Him anymore.

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**John 7:1** ¶ After these things **Jesus was walking in Galilee**, for He was unwilling to walk in Judea because **the Jews were seeking to kill Him**.

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**Mark 7:1** ¶ The Pharisees and some of the scribes gathered around Him **when they had come from Jerusalem**,

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**Mark 7:2** and had seen that some of His disciples were **eating their bread with impure hands, that is, unwashed**.

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**Mark 7:3** (For the **Pharisees and all the Jews** do not eat unless they carefully wash their hands, *thus observing the traditions of the elders*;

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**Mark 7:4** and *when they come from the market place, they do not eat unless they cleanse themselves*; and there are **many other things** which they have received in order to observe, **such as the washing of cups and pitchers and copper pots**.)

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**Mark 7:5** The **Pharisees and the scribes** asked Him, “Why do **Your disciples not walk according to the tradition of the elders**, but eat their bread with **impure hands**?”

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**Mark 7:6-8 6** And He said to them, “**Rightly did Isaiah prophesy of you hypocrites**, as it is written: ‘**THIS PEOPLE HONORS ME WITH THEIR LIPS, BUT THEIR HEART IS FAR AWAY FROM ME**.

**Mark 7:7** ‘BUT IN VAIN DO THEY WORSHIP ME, TEACHING AS DOCTRINES THE PRECEPTS OF MEN.’

**Mark 7:8** “Neglecting the commandment of God, you hold to the tradition of men.”

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**Mark 7:9** ¶ He was also saying to them, “You are experts at setting aside the commandment of God in order to keep your tradition.

**Mark 7:10** “For Moses said, ‘HONOR YOUR FATHER AND YOUR MOTHER’; and, ‘HE WHO SPEAKS EVIL OF FATHER OR MOTHER, IS TO BE PUT TO DEATH’;

**Matt. 15:4** “For God said, ‘HONOR YOUR FATHER AND MOTHER,’ and, ‘HE WHO SPEAKS EVIL OF FATHER OR MOTHER IS TO BE PUT TO DEATH.’

**Mark 7:11, 12** **11** but you say, ‘If a man says to *his* father or *his* mother, whatever I have that would help you is **Corban** (that is to say, given to God),’ **12** you no longer permit him to do anything for *his* father or *his* mother;

**Mark 7:13** *thus invalidating the word of God* by your tradition which you have handed down; and you do many things such as that.”

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**Matt. 15:10, 11** **10** ¶ After Jesus called the crowd to Him, He said to them, “Hear and understand. **11** “*It is not what enters into the mouth that defiles the man, but what proceeds out of the mouth, this defiles the man.*”

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**Matt. 15:12** ¶ Then the disciples came and said to Him, “Do You know that the Pharisees were offended when they heard this statement?”

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**Matt. 15:13, 14** **13** But He answered and said, “Every plant which My heavenly Father did not plant shall be uprooted. **14** “Let them alone; they are blind guides of the blind. And if a blind man guides a blind man, both will fall into a pit.”

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**Mark 7:17** ¶ When he had left the crowd *and* entered the house, **His disciples questioned Him about the parable.**

**Mark 7:18, 19** **18a** And He said to them, “**Are you so lacking in understanding also?** Do you not understand that **whatever goes into the man from outside cannot defile him,**

**19** because it does not go into his heart, but into his stomach, and is eliminated?” (***Thus He declared all foods clean.***)

**Mark 7:20, 21** **20** And He was saying, “That which **proceeds out of the man, that is what defiles the man.** **21** “For from within, **out of the heart of men, proceed** the evil thoughts, fornications, thefts, murders, adulteries,

**Mark 7:22** deeds of coveting *and* wickedness, *as well as* deceit, sensuality, envy, slander, pride *and* foolishness.

**Mark 7:23** “All these evil things **proceed from within and defile the man.**”

**Matt. 15:20** “These are the things which defile the man; but **to eat with unwashed hands does not defile the man.**”