

1-23

What had the Pharisees and the teachers of the law taken issue with Jesus this time?

Define 'Tradition.'

Define 'Hypocrite.'

Finish the thought in connection with verses 6-8: Having a form of godliness but ... (hint ... 2 Timothy 3:5)

See John 6:28-29

See Romans 3:28

See Colossians 2:13-23

What excuse were some people using for not taking care of the needs of the family?

According to Jesus, what is it that makes a person unclean?

What evidence is there to back up these words of Jesus?

How does original sin enter this conversation?

What important point does Mark stress to both Jew and Gentile reader? (19) (Acts 10)

24-30

What common occurrence took place though Jesus was not seeking it?

Why give the details of where this woman was from?

Who are the 'children' in this context?

Though Jesus' response to the mother may seem harsh to some people, why wasn't it meant that way?

See Romans 1:16,17

What do you appreciate about this mother?

Note how the miracle took place, what didn't Jesus have to do in this case?

A little bit of trivia in connection with verse 28.

31-37

What situation does Jesus come across in this section?

Why not heal this man in front of the crowd, with all sorts of witnesses?

Why do you think Jesus did not just say to the man 'be healed'?

Something further to think about ...

Finish the thought: Traditions have their place but when ...

What Stewardship takeaways are found in this chapter?

Agree or Disagree. People need to be taught how to sin.

Comment. "... we live in a world now where we don't believe in judgment, we don't believe in sin, and yet we still feel that there's something wrong with us ... We have a deep sense that we've got to hide our true self or at least control what people know about us. Secretly we feel that we aren't acceptable, that we have to prove to ourselves and other people that we're worthy, lovable, valuable." Keller quoting Kafka

Who are we to share the Gospel with, and why is this the case?

If Jesus was not always so public about His good works, what might that say to us though that was not the main point of His doing miracles?