

Mark @ Fairfield

“Unclean Hands and Unclean Dogs” (7:1-30)

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Unclean Hands (1-5)

- Conflict (1-2, 5)
- Mark’s explanation (3-4)
- Ritual not hygiene
- Not required by Old Testament — added by later tradition

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Jesus’ Response (6-13)

- Hypocrisy (6)
- Human tradition vs God’s teaching (7-9)
- An example: “Corban” (10-12)
- Tradition which *undermines* God’s word
- What about today? — hypocrisy
- Tradition: RCs vs. Liberals
- We are not immune

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Unclean Spirit (24-30)

- The story
- Dogs — pet dogs (27)
- Jesus' ministry was to Jews +
to *individual* Gentiles
- Her faith and its outcome (28-30)
- Purpose of food laws

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Clean Food (14-19)

- Food doesn't defile (14-19)
- "Jesus declared all foods clean":
why then Acts 10?
what about the Old Testament?
- Issue = food AND Gentiles
- Similarly race, culture, class

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Unclean Hearts (20-23)

- What truly defiles
- Catalogue of sins:
sexual immorality, theft, murder,
adultery, greed, malice, deceit,
lewdness, envy, slander, arrogance,
folly
- True of you? Jeremiah 17:9-10
- So what?

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