

# “Jesus Comes to Change Perspectives.”

Sermon

Mark 7:14-23

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- 1) Focusing not on the **rules**, but on the **relationships** that truly matter.

<sup>14</sup>And he called the people to him again and said to them, “Hear me, all of you, and understand: <sup>15</sup>There is nothing outside a person that by going into him can defile him, but the things that come out of a person are what defile him... <sup>21</sup>For from within, out of the heart, come evil thoughts, sexual immorality, theft, murder, adultery, <sup>22</sup>coveting, wickedness, deceit, sensuality, envy, slander, pride, foolishness. <sup>23</sup>All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person”.

*Mark 7:14-15, 21-23*

- 2) **Defilement** comes from the **inside out**. Ironically, **cleansing** comes from the **outside in**.

“Come, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and he who has no money, come, buy and eat!

*Isaiah 55:1a*

Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good! Blessed is the man who takes refuge in him!

*Psalms 34:8*

Baptism...now saves you, not as a removal of dirt from the body but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ

*1 Peter 3:21*