

## Real Refreshment – The Podcast: Mark Study

### Mark 7:1-37: Opposition of the Servant

Begin by praying that God's Spirit will bless your time in His word, that He will teach you His truth, that He will meet you right where you are today as you seek Him. Next, read through the whole passage slowly. Try to step into the passage remembering that Mark is recounting real events as Peter told him.

#### Passage breakdown:

##### Mark 7:1-13

Who is gathered around Jesus?

Where did they come from?

What issue did they have with how the disciples were eating?

What dictated this ritual?

What other examples are given as to things they paid attention to?

What question did they pose to Jesus?

How did Jesus characterize them in His response?

Which of the Old Testament prophets did He reference?

Summarize the prophecy in your own words.

On what did Jesus say the religious leaders were focused?

What did He say they were neglecting?

What did He say they were experts at doing?

What were they good at keeping?

Who did Jesus quote next?

Summarize what he said.

What is Corban?

Who does Jesus accuse the religious leaders of neglecting in the name of "Corban"?

##### Mark 7:14-23

What did Jesus do next?

What did He say to them first?

According to Jesus teaching, what defiles a man?

How did Jesus restate the first thing He said?

What does that mean?

What did Jesus do next?

Who questioned Him next?

How did He respond?

How did Jesus declare all foods clean?

What organ did Jesus say was key?

What defiles a man?

What proceeds out of the heart of man?

(This teaching by Jesus reinforces the basic doctrine of our sin nature.)

For further study about clean and unclean foods according to Old Testament teaching, see Leviticus chapter 11.

Mark 7:24-30

Where did Jesus go next?  
What was it that Jesus couldn't escape?  
Who came to Him?  
What was her issue?  
How did she approach Jesus?  
What nationality was she?  
Was she a Jew?  
What did she ask of Jesus?  
How did she ask?  
What was His response?  
How did she answer Him?  
What character quality did her answer reflect?  
How did He respond to her?  
What resulted?

Mark 7:31-37

Where did Jesus go next?  
Who was brought to Him?  
What request was made?  
How did Jesus respond?  
What strange things did Jesus do next?  
Where did Jesus look?  
What did He say? Meaning?  
What resulted?  
What instructions did Jesus give them?  
But what did they do instead?  
How did the crowds respond?  
What did they say about what Jesus did?

There's only one "immediately" verses in this week's passage. Note what action takes place immediately:

5:25

Take some time to read back over the passage and your notes. Are there parts of this passage that stand out to you? Pray that God will continue to teach you as you meditate on His word, the story of His Son, Jesus.

Consider this:

Are there things about which you are hyper critical of others regarding?

Do you value the traditions of man more than the commandments of God?

To which traditions of man do you hold?

Which commandments of God do you neglect?

What does it mean to listen to God?

Is there something that His word is 'saying' to you, but which you're not listening to?

With which of the sinful attitudes and actions do you struggle?

How do you approach Jesus?

Are you persistent in prayer?

Why? Why not?

Has God ever worked out a good in your life in a strange, unpredictable way? Recount it here. Write about it in a journal.

What is your response to Jesus, His actions, and His teachings?