

Announcing the

SON OF GOD

from Mark's Gospel

Rules, Regs, &
Religion

Mark 6:53-7:23

Common Themes

Stories from the Boat

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Stories from the Boat

Stories of Jesus' authority

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Stories from the Boat

Stories of authority

Stories of compassion
and healing

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**From these stories
we learn....**



**Jesus has the
power to heal**

**From these stories
we learn....**



**Jesus was
popular with the
crowds**

**From these stories
we learn....**



**Jesus was
protested by
religious leaders**

1. Religion often leads to comparison not change

What does Mark teach us about religion through these stories?

“⁴...And there are many other traditions that they observe, such as the washing of cups and pots and copper vessels and dining couches. ⁵And the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, “Why do your disciples not walk according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?”

Mark 7:4-5

Rules, Regs, and Religion

- God gave them rules against disease, dirt, and decay

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Rules, Regs, and Religion

- God gave them rules against disease, dirt, and decay
- People honor God with their lips and not their heart

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Jesus Over Traditions

“And the Lord said:

‘Because this people draw near with their mouth and honor me with their lips, while their hearts are far from me, and their fear of me is a commandment taught by men.’”

Isaiah 29:13

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2. Religion often voids God's Word.

““⁸You leave the commandment of God and hold to the tradition of men.’⁹ And he said to them, ‘You have a fine way of rejecting the commandment of God in order to establish your tradition!’”

Mark 7:8-9

What does Mark teach us about religion through these stories?

**Traditions become
evil when...**



they run counter
to God's Word

Jesus Over Traditions

“See to it that no one takes you captive by philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the world, and not according to Christ.”

Colossians 2:8

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**Traditions become
dangerous when...**

they blind us



**Traditions become
corrupt when...**



we pursue them
over God's Word

Supremacy of God's Word

“¹⁰²I do not turn aside from your rules, for you have taught me. ¹⁰³How sweet are your words to my taste, **sweeter than honey to my mouth!**

¹⁰⁴Through your precepts I get understanding; therefore I hate every false way. ¹⁰⁵Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.”

Psalm 119:102-105

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3. **Religion often leads to** *defilement of godly life*

“¹⁸ And he said to them, ‘Then are you also without understanding? Do you not see that whatever goes into a person from outside cannot defile him....²⁰ And he said, ‘What comes out of a person is what defiles him.’”

Mark 7:18-20

**What does Mark
teach us about
religion through
these stories?**

Rules, Regs, and Religion

- Impurity is a matter of the heart and not the stomach

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Rules, Regs, and Religion

- Impurity is a matter of the heart and not the stomach
- Religion is concerned with the surface. Jesus cares about the soul

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My Perspective



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