

Galilean Districts Ministry—Jesus Avoids Judea (Spring/Summer 32)

John 7:1

1 After this Jesus traveled throughout Galilee. He stayed out of Judea because the Jewish leaders wanted to kill him.

Galilean Districts Ministry—The Tradition of the Elders (Spring/Summer 32)

Matthew 15:1–20

Mark 7:1–23

1 Then Pharisees and experts in the law came from Jerusalem to Jesus

and said,

2 “Why do your disciples disobey the tradition of the elders? For they don’t wash their hands when they eat.”

3 He answered them, “And why do you disobey the commandment of God because of your tradition?”

4 For God said, ‘Honor your father and mother’ [Exod 20:12] and ‘Whoever insults his father or mother must be put to death.’ [Exod 21:17]

5 But you say, ‘If someone tells his father or mother, “Whatever help you would have received from me is given to God,”

6 he does not need to honor his father.’

You have nullified the word of God on account of your tradition.

7 Hypocrites! Isaiah prophesied correctly about you when he said,

8 ‘This people honors me with their lips, but their heart is far from me,

9 and they worship me in vain, teaching as doctrines the commandments of men.’” [Isa 29:13]

10 Then he called the crowd to him and said, “Listen and understand.

11 What defiles a person is not what goes into the mouth; it is what comes out of the mouth that defiles a person.”

12 Then the disciples came to him and said, “Do you know that when the Pharisees heard this saying they were offended?”

13 And he replied, “Every plant that my heavenly Father did not plant will be uprooted.

14 Leave them! They are blind guides. If someone who is blind leads another who is blind, both will fall into a pit.”

15 But Peter said to him, “Explain this parable to us.”

16 Jesus said, “Even after all this, are you still so foolish?”

17 Don’t you understand that whatever goes into the mouth

enters the stomach and then passes

1 Now the Pharisees and some of the experts in the law who came from Jerusalem gathered around him.

2 And they saw that some of Jesus’ disciples ate their bread with unclean hands, that is, unwashed.

3 (For the Pharisees and all the Jews do not eat unless they perform a ritual washing, holding fast to the tradition of the elders.

4 And when they come from the marketplace, they do not eat unless they wash. They hold fast to many other traditions: the washing of cups, pots, kettles, and dining couches.)

5 The Pharisees and the experts in the law asked him, “Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with unwashed hands?”

9 He also said to them, “You neatly reject the commandment of God in order to set up your tradition.

10 For Moses said, ‘Honor your father and your mother,’ and, ‘Whoever insults his father or mother must be put to death.’

11 But you say that if anyone tells his father or mother, ‘Whatever help you would have received from me is *corban*’ (that is, a gift for God),

12 then you no longer permit him to do anything for his father or mother.

13 Thus you nullify the word of God by your tradition that you have handed down. And you do many things like this.”

6 He said to them, “Isaiah prophesied correctly about you hypocrites, as it is written:

‘This people honors me with their lips, but their heart is far from me.

7 They worship me in vain, teaching as doctrine the commandments of men.’

8 Having no regard for the command of God, you hold fast to human tradition.”

14 Then he called the crowd again and said to them, “Listen to me, everyone, and understand.

15 There is nothing outside of a person that can defile him by going into him. Rather, it is what comes out of a person that defiles him.”

16 [If anyone has ears to hear, he should listen.]

17 Now when Jesus had left the crowd and entered the house,

his disciples asked him about the parable.

18 He said to them, “Are you so foolish?”

Don’t you understand that whatever goes into a person from outside cannot defile him?

19 For it does not enter his heart but his stomach, and then goes

<p>out into the sewer? 18 But the things that come out of the mouth come from the heart, and these things defile a person. 19 For out of the heart come evil ideas, murder, adultery, sexual immorality, theft, false testimony, slander. 20 These are the things that defile a person; it is not eating with unwashed hands that defiles a person.”</p>	<p>out into the sewer.” (This means all foods are clean.) 20 He said, “What comes out of a person defiles him. 21 For from within, out of the human heart, come evil ideas, sexual immorality, theft, murder, 22 adultery, greed, evil, deceit, debauchery, envy, slander, pride, and folly. 23 All these evils come from within and defile a person.”</p>
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Galilean Districts Ministry—A Gentile Mother’s Faith (Spring/Summer 32)

Matthew 15:21–28	Mark 7:24–30
<p>21 After going out from there, Jesus went to the region of Tyre and Sidon. 22 A Canaanite woman from that area came and cried out, “Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David! My daughter is horribly demon-possessed!” 23 But he did not answer her a word. Then his disciples came and begged him, “Send her away, because she keeps on crying out after us.” 24 So he answered, “I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.” 25 But she came and bowed down before him and said, “Lord, help me!” 26 “It is not right to take the children’s bread and throw it to the dogs,” he said. 27 “Yes, Lord,” she replied, “but even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters’ table.” 28 Then Jesus answered her, “Woman, your faith is great! Let what you want be done for you.” And her daughter was healed from that hour.</p>	<p>24 After Jesus left there, he went to the region of Tyre. When he went into a house, he did not want anyone to know, but he was not able to escape notice. 25 Instead, a woman whose young daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him and came and fell at his feet. 26 The woman was a Greek, of Syrophenician origin. She asked him to cast the demon out of her daughter. 27 He said to her, “Let the children be satisfied first, for it is not right to take the children’s bread and to throw it to the dogs.” 28 She answered, “Yes, Lord, but even the dogs under the table eat the children’s crumbs.” 29 Then he said to her, “Because you said this, you may go. The demon has left your daughter.” 30 She went home and found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.</p>

Galilean Districts Ministry—Jesus in Decapolis (Spring/Summer 32)

Matthew 15:29–38	Mark 7:31–8:9
<p>Jesus Heals Many 29 When he left there, Jesus went along the Sea of Galilee. Then he went up a mountain, where he sat down. 30 Then large crowds came to him bringing with them the lame, blind, crippled, mute, and many others. They laid them at his feet, and he healed them.</p>	<p>7:31 Then Jesus went out again from the region of Tyre and came through Sidon to the Sea of Galilee in the region of the Decapolis. 32 They brought to him a deaf man who had difficulty speaking, and they asked him to place his hands on him. 33 After Jesus took him aside privately, away from the crowd, he put his fingers in the man’s ears, and after spitting, he touched his tongue. 34 Then he looked up to heaven and said with a sigh, “Ephphatha” (that is, “Be opened”). 35 And immediately the man’s ears were opened, his tongue</p>

<p>31 As a result, the crowd was amazed when they saw the mute speaking, the crippled healthy, the lame walking, and the blind seeing, and they praised the God of Israel.</p> <p>Jesus Feeds 4,000</p> <p>32 Then Jesus called the disciples and said, “I have compassion on the crowd, because they have already been here with me three days and they have nothing to eat. I don’t want to send them away hungry since they may faint on the way.”</p> <p>33 The disciples said to him, “Where can we get enough bread in this desolate place to satisfy so great a crowd?”</p> <p>34 Jesus said to them, “How many loaves do you have?” They replied, “Seven—and a few small fish.”</p> <p>35 After instructing the crowd to sit down on the ground,</p> <p>36 he took the seven loaves and the fish, and after giving thanks, he broke them and began giving them to the disciples, who then gave them to the crowds.</p> <p>37 They all ate and were satisfied, and they picked up the broken pieces left over, seven baskets full.</p> <p>38 Not counting children and women, there were four thousand men who ate.</p>	<p>loosened, and he spoke plainly.</p> <p>36 Jesus ordered them not to tell anything. But as much as he ordered them not to do this, they proclaimed it all the more.</p> <p>37 People were completely astounded and said, “He has done everything well. He even makes the deaf hear and the mute speak.”</p> <p>8:1 In those days there was another large crowd with nothing to eat. So Jesus called his disciples and said to them,</p> <p>2 “I have compassion on the crowd, because they have already been here with me three days, and they have nothing to eat.</p> <p>3 If I send them home hungry, they will faint on the way, and some of them have come from a great distance.”</p> <p>4 His disciples answered him, “Where can someone get enough bread in this desolate place to satisfy these people?”</p> <p>5 He asked them, “How many loaves do you have?” They replied, “Seven.”</p> <p>6 Then he directed the crowd to sit down on the ground. After he took the seven loaves and gave thanks, he broke them and began giving them to the disciples to serve. So they served the crowd.</p> <p>7 They also had a few small fish. After giving thanks for these, he told them to serve these as well.</p> <p>8 Everyone ate and was satisfied, and they picked up the broken pieces left over, seven baskets full.</p> <p>9 There were about four thousand who ate. Then he dismissed them.</p>
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