

## Jesus People

### Heart of The Matter

**Matthew 15:16-20** “And he said, ‘Are you also still without understanding? Do you not see that whatever goes into the mouth passes into the stomach and is expelled? But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this **defiles** a person. For out of the heart come evil thoughts, murder, adultery, sexual immorality, theft, false witness, slander. These are what defile a person. But to eat with unwashed hands does not defile anyone.’ ”

**Matthew 15:1-2** “Then Pharisees and scribes came to Jesus from Jerusalem and said, “Why do your disciples break the tradition of the elders? For they do not wash their hands when they eat.”

**Matthew 15:10-11** “And he called the people to him and said to them, “Hear and understand: it is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but what comes out of the mouth; this defiles a person.”

**Matthew 15:13-14** “He answered, “Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be rooted up. Let them alone; they are blind guides. And if the blind lead the blind, both will fall into a pit.”

**Answers The Question of “\_\_\_\_\_?”** And he said, ‘Are you also still without understanding? Do you not see that whatever goes into the mouth passes into the stomach and is expelled?’ ” (vv.16-17)

**Mark 7:5** “And 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?’ ”

**Proverbs 21:2** “Every way of a man is right in his own eyes, but the Lord weighs the heart.”

**Answers The Question of “\_\_\_\_\_?”** “But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this defiles a person.” (v.18)

**Matthew 12:34** “You brood of vipers! How can you speak good, when you are evil? For out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks.”

**Proverbs 22:15** “Folly is bound up in the **heart** of a child, but the rod of discipline drives it far from him.”

**Answers The Question of “\_\_\_\_\_?”** “For out of the heart come evil thoughts, murder, adultery, sexual immorality, theft, false witness, slander.” (v.19)

**Jeremiah 17:9-10** “The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately sick; who can understand it? ‘I the Lord search the heart and test the mind, to give every man according to his ways, according to the fruit of his deeds.’ ”

**Ezekiel 36:26-27** “And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. And I will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes and be careful to obey my rules.”