



The Stain

Mark 7:1-5, 14-23

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THE TROUBLE WITH JESUS

Modern, western people struggle with Jesus' declaration of our _____.

THE TROUBLE WITH US

What's wrong with our world? Jesus is saying (in part), _____ are what's wrong; the sinfulness in each human heart. (Mark 9:43-48)

THE TROUBLE WITH SIN

Sin never stays secluded to just one place in your life. It always leads to _____ from God, which creates intense suffering, in this life and the next.

THE THING that makes us unclean is not hand, foot, or eye – it's our _____.

THE SOLUTION

Jesus doesn't just teach about purity and ritual cleanliness; he is the _____ himself.

Through Jesus, all the cleanliness laws have been _____.
(Zechariah 3:1-9, 1 Corinthians 5:21)

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¹ The Pharisees and some of the teachers of the law who had come from Jerusalem gathered around Jesus and ² saw some of his disciples eating food with hands that were "unclean," that is, unwashed. ³ (The Pharisees and all the Jews do not eat unless they give their hands a ceremonial washing, holding to the tradition of the elders. ⁴ When they come from the marketplace they do not eat unless they wash. And they observe many other traditions, such as the washing of cups, pitchers and kettles.)

⁵ So the Pharisees and teachers of the law asked Jesus, "Why don't your disciples live according to the tradition of the elders instead of eating their food with 'unclean' hands?"

¹⁴ Again Jesus called the crowd to him and said, "Listen to me, everyone, and understand this. ¹⁵ Nothing outside a man can make him 'unclean' by going into him. Rather, it is what comes out of a man that makes him 'unclean.'"

¹⁷ After he had left the crowd and entered the house, his disciples asked him about this parable. ¹⁸ "Are you so dull?" he asked. "Don't you see that nothing that enters a man from the outside can make him 'unclean'?" ¹⁹ For it doesn't go into his heart but into his stomach, and then out of his body." (In saying this, Jesus declared all foods "clean.")

²⁰ He went on: "What comes out of a man is what makes him 'unclean.' ²¹ For from within, out of men's hearts, come evil thoughts, sexual immorality, theft, murder, adultery, ²² greed, malice, deceit, lewdness, envy, slander, arrogance and folly. ²³ All these evils come from inside and make a man 'unclean.'"