

MARK 7

HOLINESS

*ON THE
INSIDE*



Danger of Man-made Traditions

Mark 7:1 The **Pharisees** & some of the **Scribes** gathered together around Him *when they had come from Jerusalem.*

Pharisees: Separatist from heathens.
Conservative, emphasized traditions.
Hypocritical & spiritually dead. (Mt 23)

Scribes: Pharisee, upper-class Jew. Scholars, instructors, lawyers. "Record & Interpret **All Religious Law.**"
Found loopholes to evade clear teaching of the Bible.



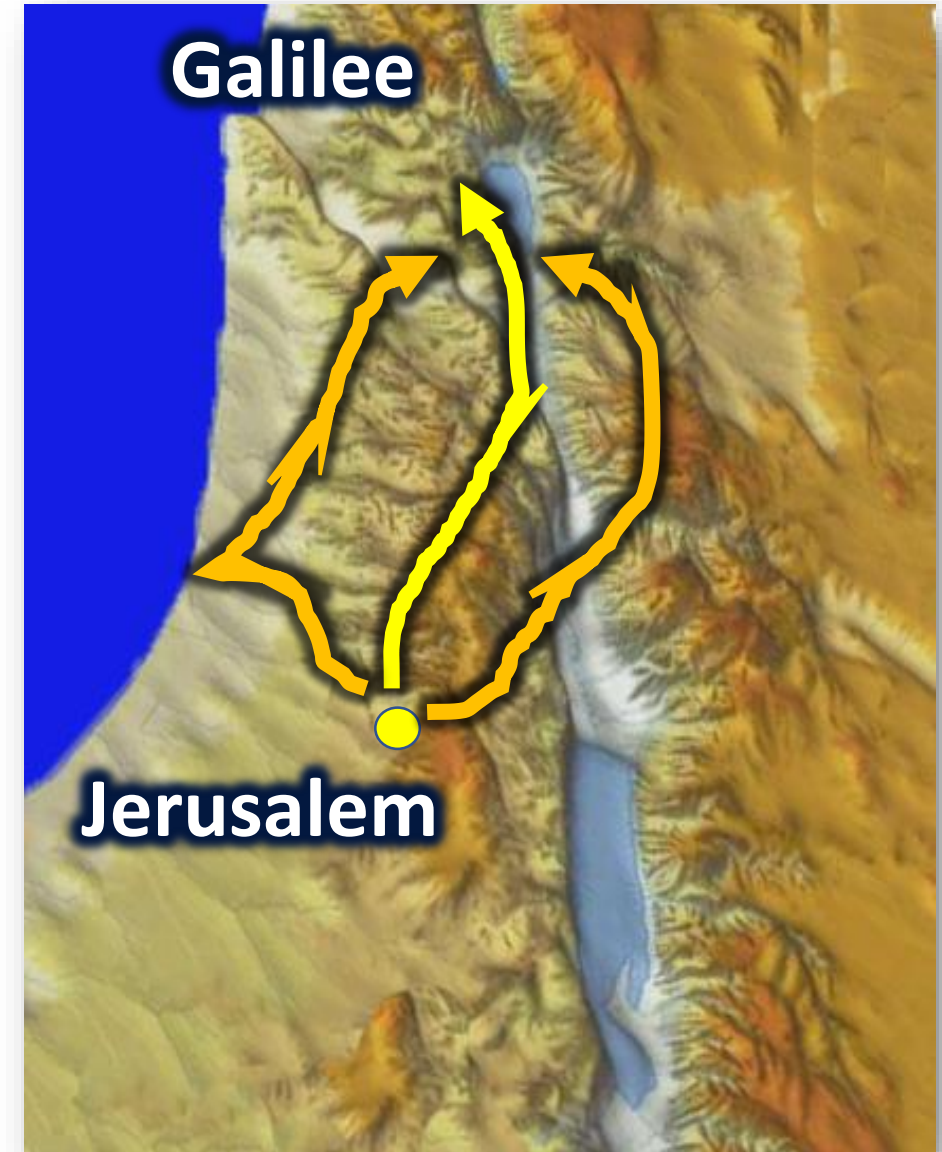
There were also Essenes, Herodians, Zealots, Sicarii & common people

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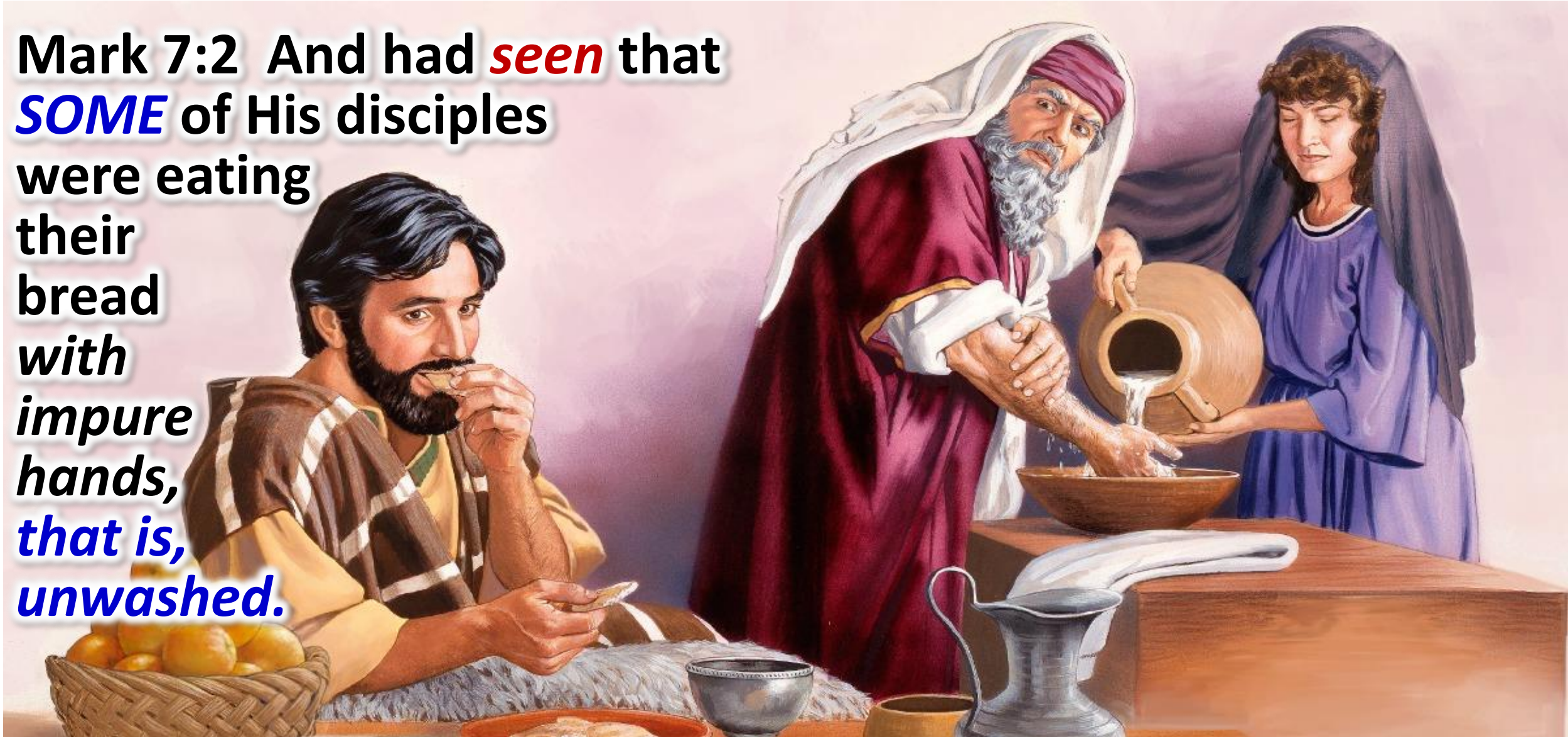
Central route was 80-90 miles.
At 20mi in 8 hour day = **4 day min.**
Might be 7 days with stops /visits.

10 days if they went the **western** costal route or the **eastern** route.



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Mark 7:2 And had **seen** that **SOME** of His disciples were eating their bread *with impure hands, that is, unwashed.*



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Mark 7:3 For the Pharisees & all the Jews do not eat unless they carefully wash their hands, *thus* observing ***the traditions Of the elders.***



The Bible **NEVER** speaks of ***ritual washing*** before dinner!

Mishna's 1 pint is NOT sufficient to ***hygienically wash*** 100 people.

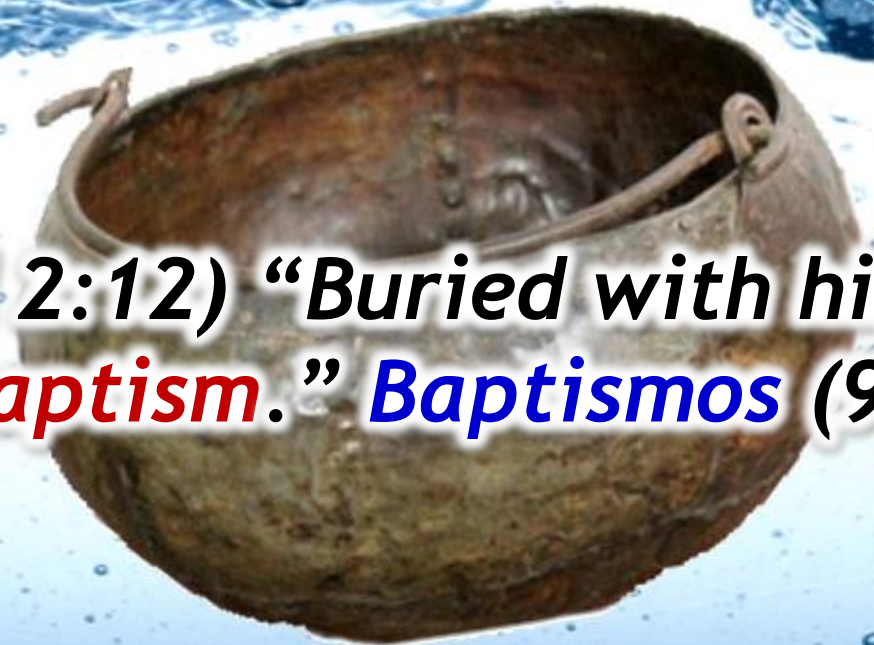
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Mark 7:4 “And they observe many other traditions, such as the **washing** of cups, pitchers and copper pots. NAS

“**Washings**” is the Greek word **Baptismos** (909)
Immersion: Theological Dictionary of the NT.

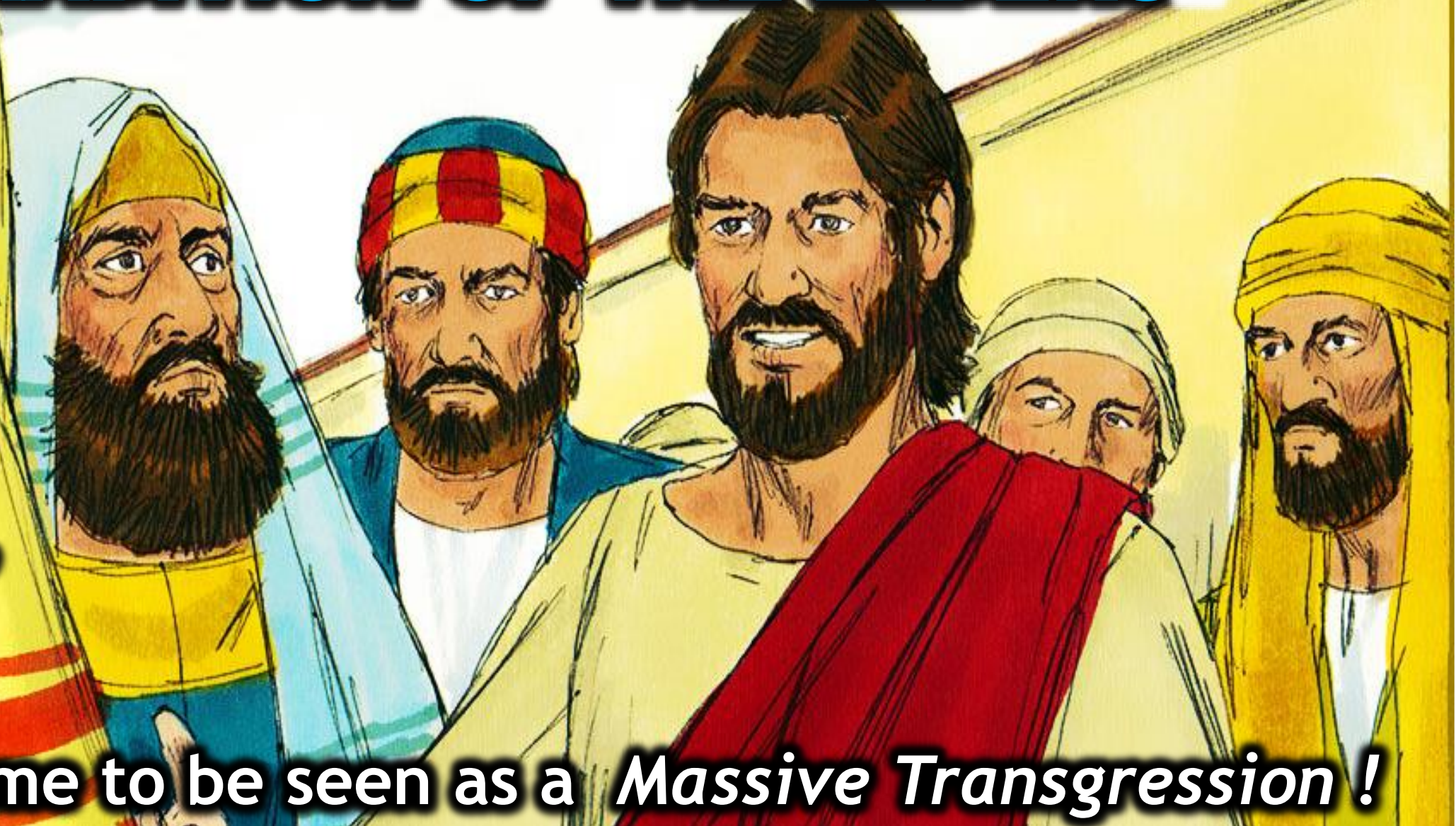


(Col 2:12) “Buried with him in **baptism**.” **Baptismos** (909)



Mark 7:5 “Why do Your disciples not walk according to the
TRADITION OF THE ELDERS..

“But
eat
their
bread
with
impure
hands?”



This came to be seen as a *Massive Transgression!*

Actors Play a Role of Somebody **ELSE !**



Robert
Downey jr, as
Iron Man
*top speed of
3,713 MPH
Mach 5**




174#

**Edward
Norton**
*Incredible
Hulk*
1,200#
Unlimited
Strength.



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Mark 7:6 And He said to them, "Rightly did Isaiah prophesy of you **hypocrites**, as it is written.. (Isa 29:13)

*"These people honor me with their lips, but **their hearts** are far from me."* 

Hypocrite: 5273

An Actor. One who plays an assumed role.

A pretender.

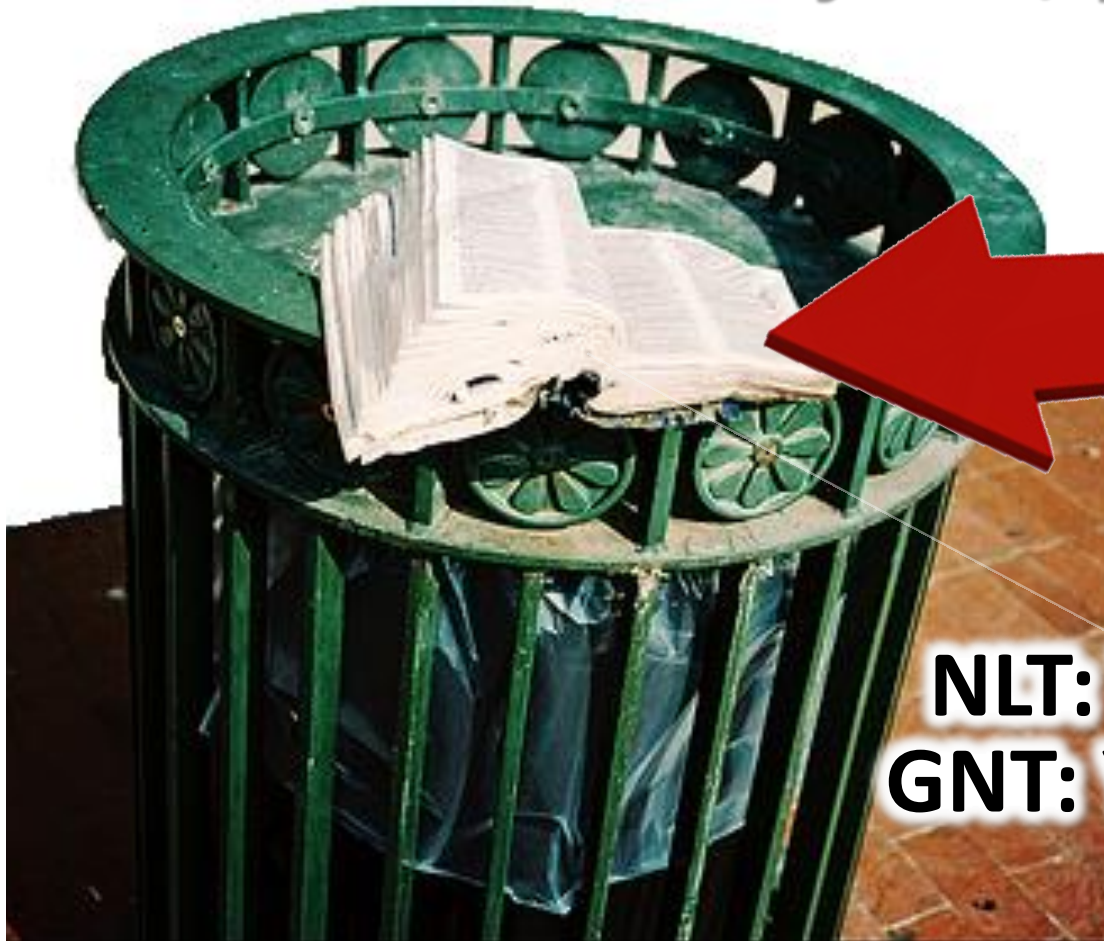
v7 **In vain** do they worship Me, teaching as doctrines **the precepts of men.**"

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Mark 7:8 “*Neglecting the commandment of God, you hold to the tradition of men.*”

v9 “*You nicely set aside the commandment of God in order to keep your tradition.*”

NLT: You *skillfully sidestep* God's Law.
GNT: You have a *clever way of rejecting* God's Law.



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1. Major Premise:

Mark 7:10 For Moses said,
“Honor your father & your mother” (Ex 20:12)

And, ***“He who speaks evil of father or mother, let him be put to death.”***
(Ex 21:17; Lev 20:9)



GOD'S PLAN: HELP YOUR PARENTS

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2. Minor Premise:

Mark 7:11 But you say, “If a man says to *his* father or *his* mother, ***whatever I have that would help you is Corban.***” (ie, given to God.)



Corban is a Hebrew word (7133). Used over 80X in the OT. It means an ‘***Offering or Sacrifice***’ dedicated in/to the temple. By vowing, he ***is relieved from helping*** any person or persons. If he wished to repent, ***Scribal law still claimed the property.*** Their tradition ***destroyed obedience*** in helping one’s parents.

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3. Conclusion:

Mark 7:13 Thus ***invalidating the word of God*** by your tradition which you have handed down; and you do many things such as that."



Add burdens & don't help Mt 23:4

Can make fake vows Mat 23:16-22

How to violate Sabbath Acts 1:12

Kill, Not heal on Sabbath Mk 3:4

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Speak Where Bible Speaks – Silent Where Bible is Silent (Rev 22:18-19)

Must men wear ***a tie*** to worship ?

Could mid-week service be ***Thurs*** ?

Can we have Communion at the ***End*** ?

Must we use the ***KJV Bible***? ***NAS***? ***NIV***? ***ESV***?

Can we have ***Stained-glass windows***, cross or a steeple ?

Can a church have ***2 preachers*** and 12 elders? (Some do)



Gal 5:1 ***It was for freedom that Christ set us free.***

Unless you are Converted become *Like Children* (Mat 18:3)



Humble
Teachable
Innocent
Forgiving



You shall not enter the *kingdom of heaven*.

HOLINESS is ON THE INSIDE

Mark 7:18 Whatever goes into the man from outside cannot defile him; ¹⁹ because it does not go into his heart, but into his stomach.. **Thus He declared all foods clean.**



²¹ And He was saying, "For from within, out of the heart of men, proceed the **evil thoughts, fornications, thefts, murders, adulteries,** ²² **deeds of coveting and wickedness, as well as deceit, sensuality, envy, slander, pride and foolishness.** ²³ ***All these evil things proceed from within and defile the man.***"

Your Heart is the Big Deal

Mat 22:37 **Love**
the Lord with
all your heart.

Mat 5:8 Blessed
are the **Pure**
in heart.

Prov 3:5 **Trust**
in Lord with all
your heart.

Prov 4:23 **Guard**
your heart with..

Prov 17:22 A
Cheerful Heart is
good medicine.

Psa 119:11 Thy
Word I have **Hidden**
in my heart...

Psa 51:10 **Create**
in me a clean
heart.