**“Who is This Man?” A Study through the Gospel of Mark**

**“The Heart of the Matter”**

**Mark 7: 1-23**

**The Pharisees and the Scribes gather around Jesus in order to try and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Him.**

**The Pharisees and the Scribes are offended the disciples are eating with ceremonial \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ hands.**

**The Old Testament commandments were originally meant to highlight the holiness of God. What it means to draw near to Him has now been distorted, so it is more about \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ signs and a signaling to others about one’s personal holiness.**

**Those who are opposed to Jesus often judge Him based on His \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**

**Our worship becomes vain when our actions are not connected to our hearts and we simply go through the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**

**Corban means “\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to God.”**

**God is always concerned with the internal: the state of the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**

**No amount of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ work or action can change the heart.**

**The problem is not \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_of us but rather \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of us.**

**Application**

**You do not need behavior change or external actions. You need something altogether new. You need a new heart because, as the Bible tells us, your heart is naturally bent toward sin and away from God. All of the sin that is described in v 21-23 and more come from within. In order to be changed, you do not need a new behavior. You need a new heart.**

**The great gift of the gospel is Jesus Christ exchanges His goodness for your sinfulness and, through faith in Him and repentance from sin, you can be made altogether new.**

**“Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.” 2 Corinthians 5: 17**

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| **entrap** | **unclean** | **outward** | **followers** | **motions** |
| **devoted** | **heart** | **external** | **outside; inside** |