

MARK
CHAPTER 7:1-23
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THEME:
the power of Jesus Christ over legalism

TITLE OF THE MESSAGE:
liberty or legalism

INTRODUCTION;

In the book of Revelation (of Jesus Christ)

Revelation 4:7-8

The first living creature was *like a lion*, the second was *like an ox*, the third had a face *like a man*, the fourth was *like a flying eagle*. Each of the four living creatures had six wings and was covered with eyes all around, even under his wings. Day and night they never stop saying: "**Holy, holy, holy** is the Lord God Almighty, who was, and is, and is to come."

Now in **Mark's** Gospel

Jesus is revealed to us as; Christ, the Servant **(The Ox)**

In **Matthew's** Gospel

Jesus is revealed to us as; Christ, the King **(The Lion)**

In **Luke's** Gospel

Jesus is revealed to us as; Christ, the Man **(The Man)**

And in **John's** Gospel

Jesus is revealed to us as; Christ, the God **(The Eagle)**

Hosea 12:10

I have also spoken by the prophets, using visions, and used symbols,

In your Gospel, your Good News about Jesus Christ

- How you reveal Jesus?

- What Picture do you and I paint
 - Is the message we're telling *true*?
 - Is the message we're telling *accurate*?
 - Is the message we're telling *beautiful*?
 - Is the message we're telling *liberating*?

The power of Jesus Christ over legalism & the traditions of men

Mark Chapter 7:1-23

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| A.) | Verses 1 - 5 | <i>The accusations</i> | On Jesus |
| B.) | Verses 6 - 13 | <i>The condemnation</i> | By Jesus |
| C.) | Verses 14 - 16 | <i>The declaration</i> | Of Jesus |
| D.) | Verses 17 - 23 | <i>The explanation</i> | In Jesus |

A.) Verses 1 - 5 *The accusations* **Upon Jesus**

Verse 2

BACKGROUND;

Within the *Talmud*, (that is the collection of extra-biblical writings) was the *Mishna*. 186 pages of rites and rituals. (ceremonial washings, pots, flies, "choke on the fly", *the rabbi imprisoned died of thirst*)

The Procedure of washing;

In the Mishnah was **SHIBTA** the demon of defilement

Poverty
Poor health
Destruction

A religious "seek and destroy" mission

They **saw** and they **found**, always the sign of a graceless, sin sniffing and fault finding. unable to overlook

(A non-denomination church)

Verses 3 & 4

Mark inserts his commentary on the point;

Verse 5

Romans 14:4 KJV

Who art thou that judgest another man's servant? to his own master he standeth or falleth.

Butch & the bathtub prayers:

(I became critical of others)

B.) Verses 6 - 13 *The condemnation By Jesus*

Verse 6 (*Well did Isaiah prophesy of you Hypocrites*)

(The judges give em' a 10)

Quoting Isaiah 29:13

HYPOCRITE;

is what the Greeks called a man with a second face.

It's where we get the term "two-faced"

To be an actor, or a pretender.

ACTS CHAPTER 5

(It is a sin against knowledge,)

What you do know. *You must know of the truth* to be a hypocrite

" The world expects the truth from those who say they know God.
God desires the truth from those who say they know Him "

In our lifestyles Publicly & Privately

1.) In our **private** devotion

2.) In our **homes**

3.) in our **vocations**

4.) in our public **worship** (*Lip-sink*)

Milly Vanillie

J.C. Ryle put it;

"May we be careful to not convocate together at church with our bodies, while leaving
our hearts at home"

Matthew 23:15

*Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye compass sea and land to make
one proselyte, and when he is made, ye make him twofold more the child of hell than
yourselves.*

A special word to those who are rejectors because of hypocrite

- If I could apologize for them...
- If I could apologize for me...

Bottomline is ,
you can't see my heart in **totality**
but you can watch my life **completely**

" If you focus on the hole in the runway you'll be sure to hit it "
" take your eyes off the bad part & focus on the good "

C.) Verses 14 - 16 *The declaration Of Jesus*

THE MOST RATIONAL STATEMENT YET TO DATE !!!

Verse 14

Jesus draws the people closer as he deals the hypocrite a blow

1.) Hear me 2.) Everyone 3.) Understand

Verse 15

TURN TO ACTS

10:9-16

2x because he is a man & **3x** because he's Peter

Certain foods to eat,

Pork, like being a child and thinking green beans would kill me. remember *mitch Bais' kid*

Certain days to worship,

"Saturday", over **"Sunday"** (rah god)

"Moonday" I find myself worshipping

Rom. 14:5-8 KJV

One man esteemeth one day above another: another esteemeth every day alike. Let every man be fully persuaded in his own mind. ⁶ He that regardeth **the day, regardeth it unto the Lord;** and he that regardeth not the day, to the Lord he doth not regard it. He that eateth, eateth to the Lord, for he giveth God thanks; and he that eateth not, to the Lord he eateth not, and giveth God thanks. ⁷ For none of us liveth to himself, and no man dieth to himself. ⁸ For whether we live, we live unto the Lord; and whether we die, we die unto the Lord: whether we live therefore, or die, we are the Lord's.

Hope you die on a your day of worship

Galatians 5:1 KJV

Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free, and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage.

D.) Verses 17 - 23 *The explanation In Jesus*

Verse 18-19

The spiritual plan of understanding;

The outward action, displays the inward life

- It's **not** the food, membership, tithing, service
- It's **not** what you think you are

VERSE 20

Hebrews 12:15 KJV

Looking diligently lest any man fail of the grace of God; lest any root of bitterness springing up trouble you, and thereby many be defiled;

Verse 21-23

2 Corinthians 3:17 KJV

Now the Lord is that Spirit: and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty.

Jeremiah 17:9 KJV

The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it?

VERSE 23

HEY JACK, I'M NOT LIKE THAT LIST !

Matthew 5:28

But I say unto you, That whosoever looketh on a woman to lust after her hath committed adultery with her already in his heart.

IT'S ONLY HUMAN TO LOOK

1 Corinthians 15:50a KJV

Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood(HUMAN)cannot inherit the kingdom of God

I'M A O.K. KINDA GUY

Romans 3:23 KJV

For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;

MAYBE LATER

Luke 11:23 KJV

He that is not with me is against me: and he that gathereth not with me scattereth.

ARE YOU BORN AGAIN?

ARE YOU LONGING FOR JESUS?

ARE YOU LOVING GOD?

WHAT ABOUT YOU WHO PRETEND TO BE CHRISTIAN

THE REMEDY;

THE THREE "R"s

REPENTANCE; _____

TURN TOWARDS JESUS CHRIST NOW AND CONFESS YOUR NEED OF HIM.

John 3:3 KJV

Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again (BORN FROM ABOVE) he cannot see the kingdom of God

REGENERATION; _____

GOD PROMISES THE HOLY SPIRIT TO COME AND LIVE INSIDE YOU

Titus 3:5 KJV

Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost;

Ezekiel 36:26 KJV

A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you: and I will take away the stony heartand I will give you an heart of flesh.

RESURRECTION;_____

THE GUARENTEE OF MY ETERNAL LIFE. THE FACT THAT JESUS LIVES

John 11:25 KJV

Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live:

" JESUS DIDN'T DIE TO MAKE BAD MEN GOOD....
HE DIED TO MAKE DEAD MEN LIVE. "

Romans 6:3-4 KJV

*Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death?
⁴ Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.*

*Man's traditions are historical,
God's word is current and alive*

Final note on legalism and how identify it;

1.) It's oppressive

taxing, demanding,

2.) It manipulates

power-plays by putting you down and lifting the leader up.

3.) It's possessive

a sense of ownership is upon you.

4.) It's controlling

you'll always be seeking their approval, and acceptance

5.) It's proud

because while you're in it, you're performer.

James 3:17

But the wisdom (the teachings, doctrines of God) that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, and easy to be entreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality, and without hypocrisy.

Matthew 11:29

Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls.