

MATTHEW

October 9, 2022

Matthew 15:1-20

READ

Matthew 14:22-36 Mark 7:1-23

QUESTIONS for REFLECTION

1. What do you suppose is the background or intent behind v. 1? What's up?
2. What triggers the question of the Pharisees & scribes (Mark 7:2-4)? Why is this such a "big deal"?
3. How does Jesus effectively turn the verbal attack back on the accusers (vv. 3-6)?

From what position does Jesus make His point?

4. How does Jesus characterize the Pharisees & scribes (vv. 6-9, 13-14)?

How does this compare with His statement in 5:20?

What is to be the response to such men (v. 14)?

5. What is the focus of Jesus' concern (v. 8)? (What is the *heart* of the problem?)

Why is the heart such so important? (What does the heart represent?)

6. What truly defiles a person (as opposed to . . .) (vv. 8, 18)?

7. Why is the heart such a problem (v. 19)?

How does Galatians 5:19-21 compare?

8. What does God say about the heart?

- Genesis 6:6
- Genesis 8:21
- Jeremiah 17:9

9. What do we desperately need?

- Ezekiel 36:26
- 2 Corinthians 1:21-22
- 2 Corinthians 4:6
- Galatians 4:6
- 1 Thessalonians 3:13
- James 4:8

PERSONAL RESPONSE

I will focus my heart upon the Lord this week by . . .

I will let the Heart-Specialist do His work within me this week by . . .