"Jesus, Man of Action"

Mark 7:1- 7:23

Listen to Me, all of you, and understand: there is nothing outside the man which going into him can defile him; but the things which proceed out of the man are what defile the man.

Mark 7:14b-15, NAS

The Outline

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The Words

Unwashed - ἄνιπτος - unwashed; used of disregarding Jewish rules for washing hands before a meal (Matthew 15:20).

Traditions - παράδοσις - an action of *handing down or over*; in the New Testament, in a passive sense as teachings about ways of doing things that are handed down from generation to generation: *tradition* (Matthew 15:2); as Christian doctrine handed down *teaching, instruction, tradition* (2 Thessalonians 2:15).

Unclean - κοινός - common, in common; common, profane; defiled, unclean.

Hypocrite - ὑποκριτής - (derivative of ὑποκρίνομαι *to pretend*) one who pretends to be other than he really is: *hypocrite, pretender, one who acts hypocritically*.

The Quotations

This people honors me with their lips, but their heart is far away from me.

But in vain do they worship me, teaching as doctrines the precepts of men.

Mark 7:6b-7, quoted from Isaiah 29:13

Honor your father and your mother.

Mark 7:10a, quoted from Exodus 20:12

He who speaks evil of father or mother, let him be put to death. Mark 7:10b, quoted from Exodus 21:17