

## Jesus on Dirt

Mark 7:1-23

### 1. Dirty Hands (1-13)

### 2. Dirty Hearts (14-20)

“Scientists who study criminal violence—that committed outside of wars and civil conflicts—now believe that its roots are equally planted in the biology of an individual, the psychology that reflects the interaction of innate traits and experiences, and the larger culture. No single cause is sufficient, none is deterministic.”<sup>1</sup>

“As a minister, I cannot help remarking that there is hardly any subject about which people seem so tenacious as they are about their children. I have sometimes been perfectly astonished at the slowness of sensible Christian parents to allow that their own children are in fault, or deserve blame. There are not a few persons to whom I would far rather speak about their own sins, than tell them their children had done anything wrong.”<sup>2</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Newsweek, *The Anatomy of Violence*, April 30, 2007, p. 42.

<sup>2</sup> J.C. Ryle, *Duties of Parents*, p. 2.

### 3. Dirty Lives (21-23)

“The reason that God is separate, high, and lifted up is his consuming, burning purity. This is what makes him dangerous, and this is what the Israelites had to learn by hard experience, because this holiness was foundational to God's entire working with them.”<sup>3</sup>

**Next week: The Mission Widens, Mark 7:24-8:21**

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<sup>3</sup> David Wells, *God in the Wasteland*, p. 141.