

# THE GOSPEL OF MARK

## The Crown and Cross of Christ

### Chapter 7- The Stain of Sin

We study Scripture to know God, not just know about Him. God is a loving Father who has given His Word for His glory and our good so challenge yourself to read the Word everyday and read it relationally.  
2 Timothy 3:16-17.

*Start with prayer. Pray that the Holy Spirit would open your heart and mind to the Truth of Scripture and what God is revealing to you through His Word.*

#### DAY 1

*Read Mark Chapter 7. What stands out to you? Who are the major characters in this chapter? What settings are they in? What questions do you have?*

What does this reveal about God? What does this reveal about man? How does it communicate the Gospel? What commands are there to follow? What sins are there to repent of? How you can apply this text to your life today? *(continue to think through these questions everyday as you read and study)*

#### DAY 2

*Read Mark Chapter 7 from different perspectives- Jesus, the disciples, Pharisees, people Jesus is serving, etc. and answer these questions for each.*

What are they doing? What were they feeling? What were their intentions or what were they intended to do?

#### DAY 3

*Read Mark Chapter 7*

What attitudes and/or actions are being addressed? How should you respond? Take time to pray and ask God to help you in these areas. Share with a brother/sister in Christ and invite them to come alongside you.

#### DAY 4

*Read Mark Chapter 7:1-23*

What the behaviors or sins that can "defile" a person today? What are ways that you try to make yourself clean? When you try to make yourself clean, what is the result? What is the relationship between your behaviors and your heart? What are the implications for our lives is Jesus is the only one who can make us clean? How does that affect our heart/motives and behaviors?

#### DAY 5

*Read the text one more time and watch the teaching.*

*Pray (after) for clarity of How the Truth of God, in Scripture, can transform your mind and life and inform your actions. Pray for your next step of obedience. Pray for your House Church. Pray for the lost in your life.*

Scripture is understood in community, so read to know God and bring your understandings to your House Church. "What then, brothers? When you come together, each one has a hymn, a lesson, a revelation, a tongue, or an interpretation. Let all things be done for building up." 1 Corinthians 14:26

*Resources- for more study resources, go to [www.thebridgemontrorse.org/resources](http://www.thebridgemontrorse.org/resources)*