

# Sermon Outline

## REJECTING AND RECEIVING JESUS: FROM ISRAEL'S ELITE TO FOREIGNERS AND OUTCASTS | Geoffrey Lin

Bible Reading: Mark 7:1-13, 14-23, 24-37 (p.1435)

### "Every church member wanting to read Mark 1-2-1 evangelistically in 2025"

"Meet Jesus"		
27/7	Rejecting and receiving Jesus: no honour at home	Mk 6:1-56
3/8	Rejecting and receiving Jesus: from Israel's elite to foreigners and outcasts	Mk 7:1-37
10/8	Rejecting and receiving Jesus: this entire generation (almost)	Mk 8:1-26
17/8	Rejecting and receiving Jesus: a Messiah who must die	Mk 8:22-9:1

### 1. Response #1: Israel's elite reject Jesus (vv1-13)

Mk 3:6 Then the Pharisees went out and began to plot with the Herodians how they might kill Jesus.

Q. HOW do we know what God wants of us?

A. By obeying the commands/word of God, not blindly following human rules/traditions

#### i. (vv1-8) ceremonial washing of hands (and cups, pitchers and kettles)

- Isaiah 29:13

#### ii. (vv9-13) devoting gifts to God (Corban) vs honouring your father and mother

- Exodus 20:12 and Exodus 21:17

- "As soon as the coin in the coffer rings, the soul from purgatory springs" (Johann Tetzel, 1465-1519)

Is 55:10 As the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return to it without watering the earth and making it bud and flourish, so that it yields seed for the sower and bread for the eater, 11 so is my word that goes out from my mouth: It will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it.

2 practical suggestions ...

i. we must be more familiar with the Scriptures than we are comfortable with our traditions

Acts 17:11 Now the Berean Jews were of more noble character than those in Thessalonica, for they received the message with great eagerness and examined the Scriptures every day to see if what Paul said was true.

A2. leaders must always be willing to be critiqued against God's Word

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### 2. Response #2: Jesus' disciples still fail to understand Him (vv14-23)

Q. HOW do we know what God wants of us vs what does God ACTUALLY want of us?

Mk 1:1 The beginning of the good news about Jesus the Messiah, the Son of God

Mk 1:14 After John was put in prison, Jesus went into Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God. 15 "The time has come," he said. "The kingdom of God has come near. Repent and believe the good news!"

- "Are you so dull?" (v18) ...

### 3. Response #3: foreigners and outcasts receive Jesus (vv24-37)

#### i. A Greek woman from Tyre born in Syrian Phoenicia (vv24-30)

- cf the daughter of Jairus the synagogue ruler (Mk 5)

Mk 2:17 On hearing this, Jesus said to them, "It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners."

#### ii. A deaf and mute man from the Decapolis (vv31-37)

- cf the paralysed man lowered through the roof (Mk 2)

Mk 5:18 As Jesus was getting into the boat, the man who had been demon-possessed begged to go with him. 19 Jesus did not let him, but said, "Go home to your own people and tell them how much the Lord has done for you, and how he has had mercy on you." 20 **So the man went away and began to tell in the Decapolis how much Jesus had done for him.** And all the people were amazed.

### Where to, from here?

Pray daily for 2 mins for 2 friends ...

Tim Keller, *King's Cross: Understanding the life and death of the Son of God* (2011)

Deep Dive (730-9pm, Thu 7 August, "Only one true hope for all?")

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