

Introduction

1. Scribes and Pharisees (from Jerusalem) came to Jesus.
 - a. Jesus rebukes them sharply.
 - b. Calls them “hypocrites” and “blind leaders.”
2. Canaanite womans (with great faith) cried, “Lord, help me.”
3. Great multitudes followed Jesus.
4. With compassion He fed 4,000.

Select Verses

- 15:3-4 - *“But he answered and said unto them, Why do ye also transgress the commandment of God by your tradition?”*⁽⁴⁾ *For God commanded, saying, Honour thy father and mother: and, He that curseth father or mother, let him die the death.”*
- 15:7-9 - *“Ye hypocrites, well did Esaias prophesy of you, saying, ⁽⁸⁾This people draweth nigh unto me with their mouth, and honoureth me with their lips; but their heart is far from me. ⁽⁹⁾But in vain they do worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men.”*
- 15:11 - *“Not that which goeth into the mouth defileth a man; but that which cometh out of the mouth, this defileth a man.”*
- 15:13-14 - *“But he answered and said, Every plant, which my heavenly Father hath not planted, shall be rooted up. ⁽¹⁴⁾Let them alone: they be blind leaders of the blind. And if the blind lead the blind, both shall fall into the ditch.”*
- 15:18-20 - *“But those things which proceed out of the mouth come forth from the heart; and they defile the man. ⁽¹⁹⁾For out of the heart proceed evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, blasphemies: ⁽²⁰⁾These are the things which defile a man: but to eat with unwashen hands defileth not a man.”*
- 15:32 - *“Then Jesus called his disciples unto him, and said, I have compassion on the multitude, because they continue with me now*



three days, and have nothing to eat: and I will not send them away fasting, lest they faint in the way.”

Select Thoughts / Themes



1. The scribes and Pharisees followed Jesus and tried to discredit Him before the people.
2. Jesus spoke bluntly and emphatically in His response to them.
3. Jesus clearly taught about what defiles a man – which was NOT what the scribes and Pharisees had charged the disciples.
4. Our Lord praised the Canaanite woman for her great faith. In what way did she prove her faith in the Saviour?
5. The multitudes had followed Jesus for three days, without food. The Lord had compassion on them and fed them.



To Consider Further...

1. How many loaves and fishes did Jesus take and feed the 4,000 men (not including women and children)?
2. Explain verse 13 – *“Every plant which my heavenly Father hath not planted, shall be rooted up.”*
3. According to verse 8, why is it important to have a right heart in service and worship to God?
4. Discuss verse 9 – *“in vain they do worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men”* – is this a problem in the world and brotherhood today?
5. What did Jesus do for the lame, blind, dumb and maimed?