

Being Clean

A deputation from Pharisee HQ

Why don't your
disciples wash
their hands

Oral laws (Halakha)

Levitical laws

Some foods are unclean

Wash after touching a
dead body

Unclean skin conditions
and bodily discharges

Priest should wash when
making sacrifices

Wash hands before eating

Wash pots and utensils

Bathe after going to market

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Jesus responds

Hypocrites – you honour god with your lips, but dishonour him in your hearts. Your worship and your teachings are useless.

God's command

Honour your father
and mother

tradition

Corban – can't help
because my wealth is
devoted to God

“Nothing from outside a man can make him unclean”

“ What comes out of a man is what makes him unclean”

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The Syrophoenecian Woman: Mark 7:24-30

Outside of the Jewish nation.
Outside of the Jewish cult.
Not connected to Abraham.
She isn't Jewish,
She doesn't worship right



Unclean

but

Please...just
some crumbs
off the table

She acknowledges her unworthiness and is persistent and.....

Receives grace

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The demon has
left your
daughter

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The man possessed by many demons : Mark 5:1-20

- Lives in a land of gentiles
- Possessed by unclean spirits
- Lives among the tombs and the dead
- Lives near pigs

} Unclean
Like a wild animal

Unable to even ask for help

but

“he would cry out and cut himself with stones”

He goes to Jesus and.....

Receives grace

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“they saw him... sitting there, dressed and in his right mind”

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The woman bleeding for 12 years : Mark 5:24-34

If I could just touch his clothes

Unable to touch or be touched
Banished from worship
Visible to all... but invisible



unclean

She had suffered a great deal
seen many doctors
spent all her money

but

She reaches out to Jesus and.....

Receives grace

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"she was freed from her suffering"

Your faith has healed you

The Gospel of Mark

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Who needs this gospel?

Those who live afar, outside of our environment

Those who are outcasts, misfits – don't know how to ask

Those we meet in our daily lives

No limits to grace

Jesus travelled **many** miles to meet the need of a gentile woman

Jesus delivered a man from **many** demons

Jesus healed a woman who had been afflicted for **many** years