

WHO IS THIS MAN?

## **WHEN WORSHIP BECOMES WORTHLESS**

Mark 7:1-13      Jeff Schreve

*And He said to them, "Rightly did Isaiah prophesy of you hypocrites, as it is written, 'THIS PEOPLE HONORS ME WITH THEIR LIPS, BUT THEIR HEART IS FAR AWAY FROM ME. BUT IN VAIN DO THEY WORSHIP ME, TEACHING AS DOCTRINES THE PRECEPTS OF MEN. Mark 7:6-7*

### **When does worship become worthless?**

#### **1. When it is all about rules.**

*For the Pharisees and all the Jews do not eat unless they carefully wash their hands, thus observing the traditions of the elders. Mark 7:3*

A. Legalists love to have lots of external rules.

B. Legalists love to keep score.

#### **2. When your heart is disengaged.**

A. God is all about heart.

B. God hates it when we go just through the motions.

*The Lord said, "These people claim to worship me, but their words are meaningless, and their hearts are somewhere else. Their religion is nothing but human rules and traditions, which they have simply memorized. Isaiah 29:13 GNB*

#### **3. When tradition trumps the Word.**

*And He answered and said to them, "And why do you yourselves transgress the commandment of God for the sake of your tradition? Matthew 15:3*

A. God's Word is our authority for life and practice.

B. Trying to invalidate the Word reveals a very wicked heart.

### **What would Jesus say about YOUR worship?**