

Questions On Matthew Chapter 15

1. Of what did the scribes and Pharisees accuse the disciples of Jesus in verses 2?
 - a. What point will Jesus later make in verse 11 about their theory?
 - b. This topic was again raised by Peter in verses 15-20. How did Jesus explain it more specifically there? (no need to write down each particular detail, but just a general answer will do)
2. How did Jesus turn their accusation back upon them? (v. 3)
3. In verse 4 Jesus cited what two Old Testament laws relating to parents? (these are originally found in Exodus 20:12 and 21:17)
 - a. According to Matthew 15:5-6, how did the scribes and Pharisees violate the law of honoring parents?
 - b. "Honor" often means respect, but from these same verses and from 1 Timothy 5:3-4, what is also included in "honoring" one's parents?
4. According to verse 9, what effect do human creeds and opinions have upon one's worship?
5. According to verse 10, what did Jesus expect people to do when He spoke to them?
6. How did Jesus respond when it was brought to His attention that the Pharisees were "offended" by His teaching? (vs. 12-14)

- a. What does Titus 3:10 tell us?
 - b. What do we learn from 1 Corinthians 15:33? (*Note that the context is about false teaching and false teachers.*)
 - c. What do we learn from Romans 16:17?
7. Verses 21-28 tell about the Canaanite (or Syro-Phoenician) woman. What did she want from Jesus?
- a. What was her ethnicity? (Mk. 7:26) What did the disciples want Jesus to do?
 - b. To what people did Jesus say that He was to go? (24)
 - c. In what ways did this woman show her faith? (vs. 22, 25, 26-28)
8. Liberal social-gospel advocates cite verse 32 as proof that churches should feed people in order to attract them to the gospel. What do they get wrong about this verse? (*Note: This verse does not constitute a pattern for the work of the church, but even if it did, **When did Jesus feed the people in relation to their listening to Him?***)
- a. How many were fed?
 - b. What remained after all ate?
 - c. How many were fed in the earlier feeding in Matthew 14:21?