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Mark 7:5

The Pharisees and teachers of the law asked Jesus, "Why don't your disciples live according to the tradition of the elders instead of eating their food with 'unclean' hands?"

Clean hands, or a clean heart, which is more important? Heavenly Father, forgive us for unclean thoughts. Create in us clean hearts to honour you. In Jesus' name we pray. **Amen.**

CLEAN OR UNCLEAN?



"These people honor me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me."

MARK 7:6b

Clean or Unclean?

So the Pharisees and teachers of the law asked Jesus, "Why don't your disciples live according to the tradition of the elders instead of eating their food with 'unclean' hands?" Mark 7:5 (NIV)

Each number represents a letter of the alphabet. Substitute the correct letter for the numbers to reveal the coded words.



1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
C	E	I	P	R	Q	F	L	M	A	K	J	T	X	D	H	N	O	S	V	U	G	B	W	Z	Y

- 16-18-17-18-5 _____
- 16-10-17-15-19 _____
- 24-10-19-16 _____
- 2-10-13-3-17-22 _____
- 16-2-10-5-13 _____
- 24-18-5-19-16-3-4 _____
- 1-8-2-10-17 _____
- 5-21-8-2-19 _____

HEART	CLEAN	HANDS	WORSHIP
HONOR	RULES	WASH	EATING

Crossword

Listen CAREFULLY to the Reading and fill in the blank spaces.
Afterwards you will be able to complete the crossword puzzle below.

Mark 7:1-8, 7:14-15, 21-23 (CEV)

15 Across) Some of the Pharisees and several _____ of the Law of

3 Across) _____ from Jerusalem came and gathered around Jesus.

9 Down) They noticed that some of his _____ ate without first washing their hands.

11 Down) The Pharisees and many other Jewish people obey the teachings of their _____.

22 Across) They always wash their _____ in the proper way before eating.

20 Across) None of them will eat anything they buy in the _____ until it is washed.

19 Across) They also follow a lot of other teachings, such as _____ cups, pitchers, and bowls.

13 Across) The _____ and teachers asked Jesus,

17 Across) Why don't your disciples obey what our ancestors _____ us to do?

21 Down) Why do they _____ without washing their hands?"

18 Across) Jesus replied: You are nothing but _____ - _____!

4 Across) The prophet Isaiah was right when he _____ that God had said,

19 Down) All of you praise me with your _____, but you never really think about me.

4 Down) It is useless for you to _____ me, when you teach rules made up by humans."

6 Across) You disobey God's _____ in order to obey what humans have taught.

2 Down) Jesus called the _____ together again and said,

8 Across) Pay attention and try to _____ what I mean.

1 Down) The food that you put into your _____ doesn't make you unclean and unfit to worship God.

10 Across) The _____ words that come out of your mouth are what make you unclean."

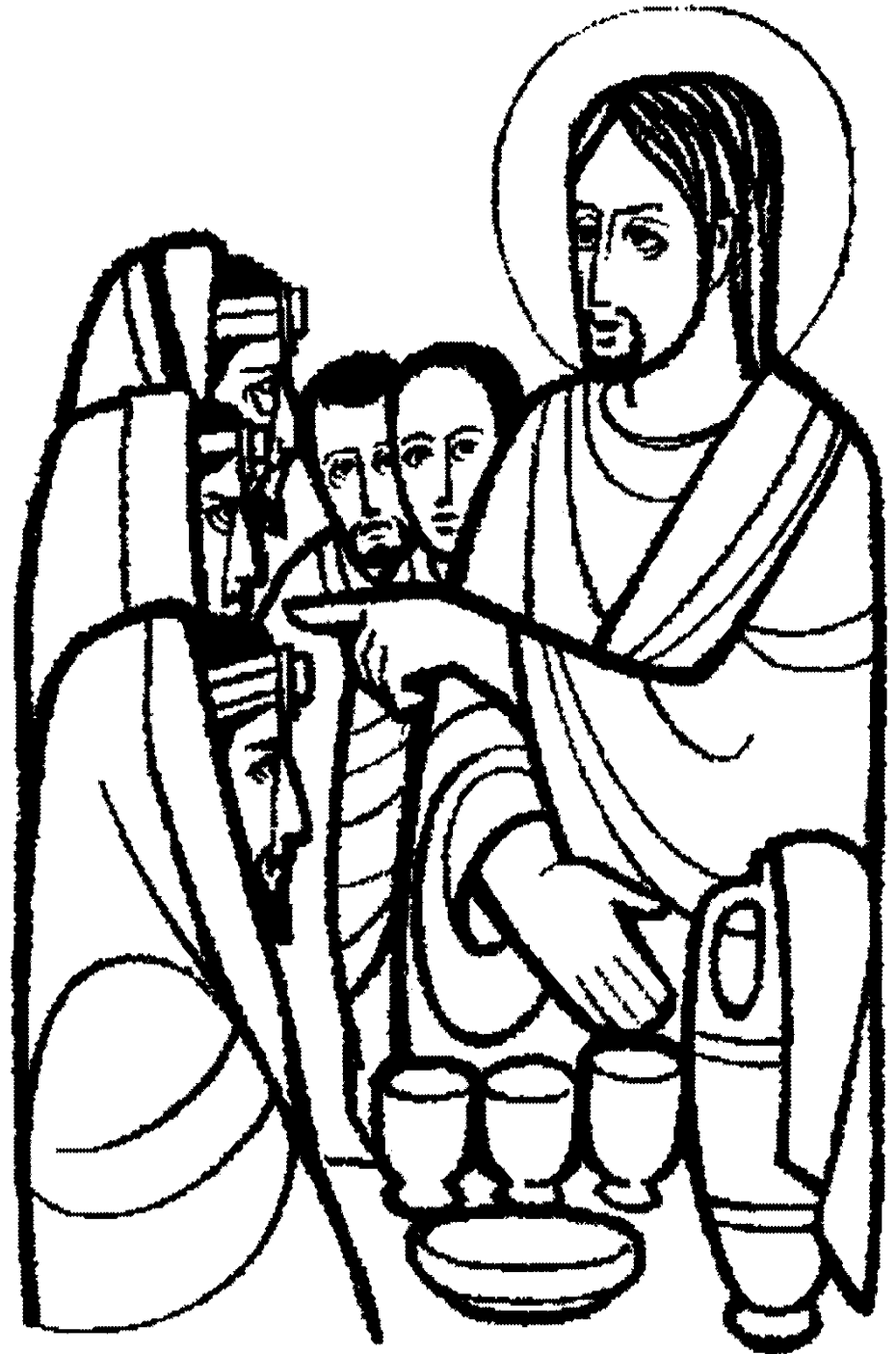
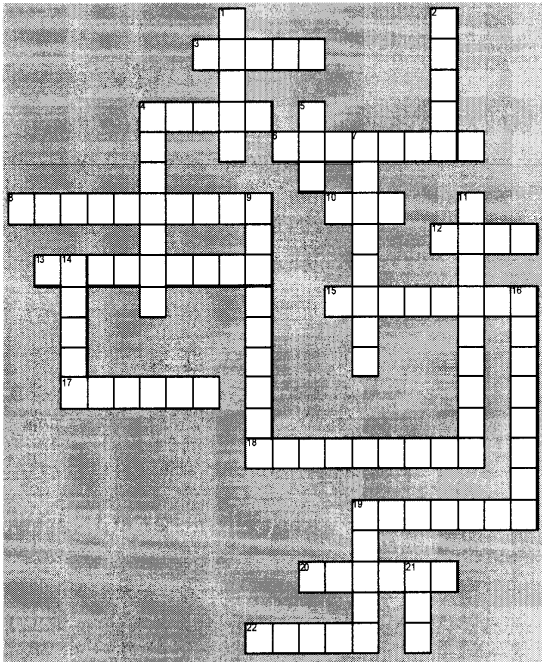
16 Down) Out of your heart come evil thoughts, vulgar deeds, _____, murder,

7 Down) unfaithfulness in marriage, greed, _____,

12 Across) deceit, indecency, _____, insults, pride, and foolishness.

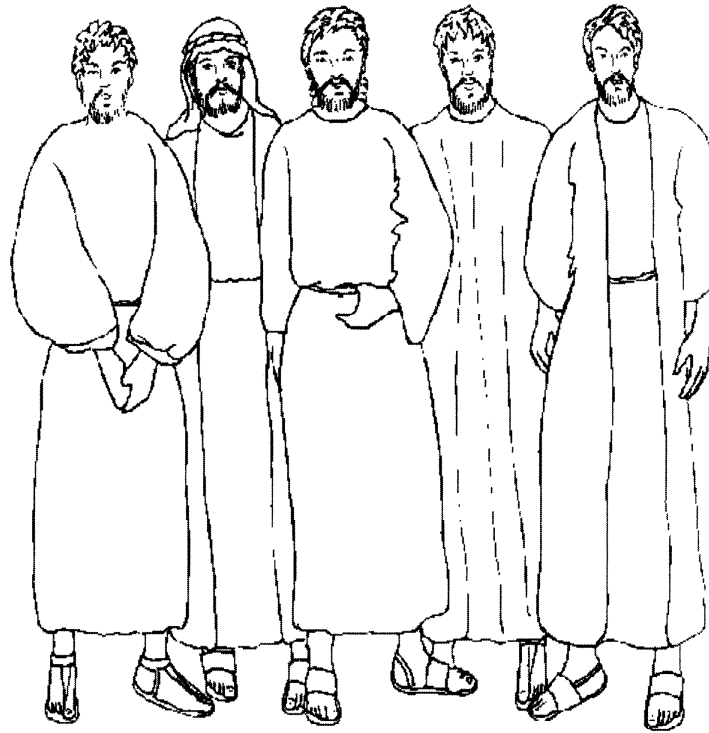
14 Down) All of these come from your _____,

5 Down) and they are what make you unfit to worship _____.





WordSearch: Mark 7:1-8, 7:14-15, 21-23 (CEV)



Mark 7:14-15 (CEV)

Jesus called the crowd together again and said, "Pay attention and try to understand what I mean. [15] [15-16] The food that you put into your mouth doesn't make you unclean and unfit to worship God. The bad words that come out of your mouth are what make you unclean."



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| ANCESTORS | BAD | COMMANDS | CROWD |
| DISCIPLES | EAT | ENVY | GOD |
| HANDS | HEART | MARKET | MEANNESS |
| MOSES | MOUTH | PHARISEES | SHOW-OFFS |
| STEALING | TAUGHT | TEACHERS | UNDERSTAND |
| WASHING | WORDS | WORSHIP | WROTE |