

SERMON NOTES

Sermon Series: The Gospel of Mark

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Message: "Where Does Evil Come From?"

Crossroads Christian Church

Text: Mark 7:14-23

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"WHERE DOES EVIL COME FROM?"

WHAT CAUSES EVIL?

Jeremiah 17:9, Romans 3:10-12, James 1:14-15

Habakkuk 1:13

_____ is an inside job.

1. THE _____. Mark 7:14-16

2. THE _____. Mark 7:17-20

Matthew 15:13-14

a. Sin is primarily a _____ matter, not a _____ matter.

b. Sin is _____ before it becomes _____.

I. Proverbs 4:23

II. Matthew 12:34

The Bible not only deals with the _____ of sin; it also deals with the _____ of sin.

The _____ of the HUMAN PROBLEM is the _____ of the HUMAN HEART.

3. THE _____. Mark 7:23

1 John 1:9

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PRACTICAL | application to my life

1. We all have people in our lives – family, friends, co-workers, neighbors, etc. who don't know Christ. Following rules, laws, or by being moral can't change them. Like us, they need a new heart. Only Jesus can do that. What are some ways we can do a better job of engaging people with the gospel so that they know Christ and have a new heart?

PRAYER REQUESTS

COMING SOON

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For the week of Feb. 23, 2014.

QUICK REVIEW:

Looking back at your notes from this week's message, "Where Does Evil Come From?," was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged or confused you?

HISTORICAL | getting to know me

1. What are the most prevalent evils in our world today?
2. The popular advice of the day is to "follow your heart" and to "do what feels right," but what does **Jeremiah 17:9** say?

Can you name a time where "following your heart" got you in trouble?

BIBLICAL | digging deeper into the Bible

1. Let's assume the Pharisees started off with good intentions – a desire for the truth and wanting to love and honor God – but over time they became deceived and led astray by the traditions of men. As believers, how can we avoid being deceived and succumbing to false doctrines?

- **1 JOHN 4:1; 1 THESSALONIANS 5:21:**

- **JOHN 17:17; PSALM 12:6:**

- **ROMANS 12:1-2:**

2. The Pharisees focused on external purity. They obsessed on doing the right things, going to the right places, and being around all the perceived "holy" people. Like the Pharisees, many today do the same thing. They erroneously believe good behavior or doing the "right" things brings God's approval. Why do you think people do this, and why does it matter?

What are some ways people in our culture attempt to make themselves feel better or "righteous" through external measures?

According to **2 Corinthians 5:21**, what can make us clean before God?

3. If you are a Christian, you have already been made pure (1 Corinthians 6:11). But as we learned on Sunday, evil is still present in our world and we still face temptation to sin. How does God instruct us to have our internal purity reflected in our external actions?

- **ROMANS 6:11 :**

- **GALATIANS 5:16:**

- **ROMANS 13:14:**

- **PSALM 119:11; EPHESIANS 6:17:**

What hope does the Bible offer us in **Philippians 1:6** as we daily live for Him in a world marred by sin and evil?