

Inside Out

Gospel of Mark Series – Part 24

Scripture text – Mark 7:14-23

Introduction

- In the aftermath of the George Floyd tragedy, we are told that the problem with America is _____.
- The only solution (it is argued) is to destroy all the existing _____ and structures in society and start over.
- Jesus sees things quite differently. This isn't to say that racism isn't a problem; it just isn't _____ problem.

Part 1 – Jesus' Diagnosis

- According to Jesus, humanity's problem is the human _____; it is _____, _____ and _____.
- In previous centuries, the church had much more _____ about this. The church understood the human heart to be radically _____.
- Radical depravity does *not* mean:
 1. We are totally _____ to all matters of right & wrong;
 2. We are all as _____ as we could possibly be; or
 3. We all engage in every possible _____ of sin.
- Radical depravity *does* mean:
 1. We are _____ toward sin (it is our nature);
 2. Every aspect of our _____ is so inclined;
 3. Even our good deeds always contain an element of _____ motive; and
 4. We are completely unable to _____ ourselves from our sinful condition.

Part 2 – Humanity's Diagnosis

- Humanity begins with the premise that the human heart is essentially _____, hence the constant drumbeat to trust or _____ your heart.
- Currently, _____% of Americans have embraced this notion, including _____% of evangelical Christians. (Pastor's editorial comment: If the research is accurate, one could argue the American church is already apostate.)
- If the problem isn't _____ (i.e., man's heart), then it must be _____, specifically the institutions and structures of society.

- Bottom line: Fix the institutions & structures of society and humanity's problems will _____ . Above all, let the heart be _____ of constraints.
- This is _____, or a foolish notion.

Part 3 – Jesus' Solution

- The solution Jesus offers is a _____ .
- What happens is that the Holy Spirit implants in the believer new _____ & _____, most notably a love for _____ and the desire to _____ his commands.
- The believer also receives new _____.

Receiving Your New Heart

- This is a one-time miracle work of the _____ .
- It is either preceded by or concurrent with a person _____ of sin and relying upon the _____ & _____ of Christ.