

# Calvary Chapel Eagle

## The Gospel of Matthew Chapter 15

*(Spend time in prayer before you start this study) Read Matthew Chapter 15*

1. Do you have anyone in your life that seems to always follow you around just waiting for you to do something wrong? Tell us about it.
  
2. Verses 1-6. Once again, the Pharisees are trying to find fault with Jesus and the disciples. Can you find the scripture that says we should wash our hands before eating?
  
3. **Dig Deeper:** Do some research and find out what kind of “hand washing” the Pharisees expected of the disciples.
  
4. What kind of rules were the disciples breaking?
  
5. The disciples were accused of breaking traditions, what were the Pharisees accused of doing?
  
6. Verses 7-9. How can you apply these verses to your life?
  
7. **Dig Deeper:** Do some research and find out how the Jews were breaking God’s commandment to honor their father and mother. What is Jesus accusing them of in verses 5-6?
  
8. Verses 10-20 seems to be two more parables with the explanation.
  - a. What do you learn about what we eat?

- b. What do you learn about the plants God did not plant?
9. Verses 21-28. Also read: Mark 7:24-30. Here we have a Gentile woman asking Jesus to heal her demon-possessed daughter.
- a. What did the disciples want to do with her?
  - b. Who did Jesus say He was sent for?
  - c. What was the woman's reaction?
  - d. What did Jesus say to her?
  - e. What does that mean?
  - f. How did she answer Jesus?
  - g. What was Jesus' reaction?
  - h. What was the results?
  - i. What did you learn from this story?
10. Explain in your own words what happened in verses 29-31.
11. Verses 32-39. Find the differences between this story of feeding the multitudes and the one in Matthew 14:13-21.
12. This time the people followed Jesus into the wilderness.
- a. How long were these people in the wilderness?
  - b. How did Jesus feel about them?
  - c. Have you had to follow Jesus into a wilderness? Tell us about it.
  - d. How long would you be willing to follow Jesus if it only took you into a wilderness?