

**Sermon Notes – November 16, 2014**  
**“The Heart of the Problem (is the heart!)”**  
**Mark 7:14-23**  
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Where does Jesus say that evil originates?

Why would a 1<sup>st</sup> century Jew have struggled with the notion that, as Mark says, “Jesus declared all foods ‘clean’”?

What difference does it make to see Jesus not as abolishing the food laws but declaring that their purpose has now been fulfilled?

If the keeping of external rules cannot make a person “clean” before God, what hope is there?

How is this hope witnessed to in the communion meal?