



## Introduction

*Jesus explains we should be careful about who we listen to, and says what determines what kind of people we are.*



## Questions

1. What does Jesus accuse the Pharisees and scribes of doing with the commandment of God?
2. What things does Jesus say come "from within, out of the hearts of men"?
3. Look at the Israel in New Testament times map (see below). How far is it from Tyre to the sea of Galilee.



*Sidon, in the region where Jesus went (v 24, see map).*



## Summary Points

- **v 1 to 13** The Pharisees try to belittle Jesus because he doesn't keep their Jewish traditions. Jesus tells them (and us) to regard God's message in the Old Testament as more important than traditions
- **v 14 to 23** Jesus uses this occasion to teach that what is important is what goes on in a person's mind. He warns that we are naturally inclined to bad ways (see theme)
- **v 24 to 37** After she shows her humility and great faith, Jesus heals a Greek woman's daughter and then a deaf man who has an impediment in his speech

**Timeline AD 30** (see below)



## Theme

### **We are inclined to bad ways**

*A selection of verses showing that naturally our thoughts and actions tend to be in bad ways.*

The prophet Jeremiah spells out our problem:

*Jeremiah 17 verse 9*

The Lord Jesus echoes the same sentiments:

*Mark 7 verse 20 to 23*

*Luke 16 verse 15*

The apostle Paul tells us that naturally we go in bad directions:

*Romans 8 verses 7 and 8*

The apostle James says that our tongues can be used in very bad ways:

*James 3 verse 6*

He also says that these bad inclinations have far reaching consequences:

*James 1 verses 14 and 15*



Israel in New Testament times

Map of places in Israel in New Testament times including Sidon.



**Answers to questions**

Verses which answer the questions:

Q 1: v 8 and 9, Q 2: v 21 and 22, Q 3: 56 Km (35 miles)



# Bible timeline

