

Mark 7:13

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Making the word of God of none effect through your tradition, which ye have delivered: and many such like things do ye.

Analysis

Mark 7:13 This passage continues Mark's fast-paced narrative demonstrating Jesus' divine authority, miraculous power, and confrontation with religious establishment. The theological themes include Christ's deity, sacrificial mission, call to discipleship, and inauguration of God's kingdom. Reformed interpretation emphasizes sovereign grace, substitutionary atonement, and transformation through regeneration.

Historical Context

First-century Palestinian Jewish context under Roman occupation shapes the narrative. Archaeological discoveries confirm Gospel accounts' historical accuracy. Ancient sources (Josephus, Tacitus) corroborate biblical timeline and cultural details. Early church fathers interpreted these Christologically, seeing Old Testament fulfillment and New Covenant establishment.

Related Passages

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

John 3:16 — God's love and salvation

Revelation 20:12 — Judgment according to deeds

Matthew 25:31 — Final judgment

Study Questions

1. How does this verse reveal Christ's person and work in redemptive history?
2. What transformation should this truth produce in your thinking, affections, and behavior?

Interlinear Text

ἀκυροῦντες τὸν λόγον τοῦ θεοῦ τῇ παραδόσει
Making G208 **the word** G3056 **of God** G2316 **tradition** G3862
G3588 G3588 G3588
ὕμῶν ἣ παρεδώκατε· καὶ παρόμοια τοιαῦτα πολλὰ
through your G5216 **which** G3739 **ye have delivered** G3860 **and** G2532 **like things** G3946 **such** G5108 **many** G4183
ποιεῖτε
do ye G4160

Additional Cross-References

Mark 7:9 (Word): And he said unto them, Full well ye reject the commandment of God, that ye may keep your own tradition.

Titus 1:14 (Word): Not giving heed to Jewish fables, and commandments of men, that turn from the truth.

Isaiah 8:20 (Word): To the law and to the testimony: if they speak not according to this word, it is because there is no light in them.

Hosea 8:12 (Word): I have written to him the great things of my law, but they were counted as a strange thing.

Mark 7:3 (Parallel theme): For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, except they wash their hands oft, eat not, holding the tradition of the elders.

Matthew 15:6 (Word): And honour not his father or his mother, he shall be free. Thus have ye made the commandment of God of none effect by your tradition.

Ezekiel 18:14 (Parallel theme): Now, lo, if he beget a son, that seeth all his father's sins which he hath done, and considereth, and doeth not such like,

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