

Mark 7:2

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And when they saw some of his disciples eat bread with defiled, that is to say, with unwashen, hands, they found fault.

Analysis

Mark 7:2 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

1 Corinthians 13:4 — Characteristics of love

John 15:13 — Greatest form of love

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

καὶ	ιδόντες	τινὰς	τῶν	μαθητῶν	αὐτοῦ	κοιναῖς
And	when they saw	some	G3588	disciples	of his	with defiled
G2532	G1492	G5100		G3101	G846	G2839
χερσίν	τοῦτ'	ἔστιν	ἀνίπτοις	ἐσθίοντας	ἄρτους	
hands	G5124	G2076	with unwashen	eat	bread	
G5495			G449	G2068	G740	

ἐμέμψαντο
they found fault
G3201

Additional Cross-References

Acts 10:28 (Parallel theme): And he said unto them, Ye know how that it is an unlawful thing for a man that is a Jew to keep company, or come unto one of another nation; but God hath shewed me that I should not call any man common or unclean.

Romans 14:14 (Parallel theme): I know, and am persuaded by the Lord Jesus, that there is nothing unclean of itself: but to him that esteemeth any thing to be unclean, to him it is unclean.