
DAILY READING

2025 NEW TESTAMENT READING MARK 11:1-26

SUNDAY SCHOOL READING PLAN

MATTHEW 15:1-9

THE TRADITION OF THE ELDERS

15 Then Jesus was approached by Pharisees and scribes from Jerusalem, who asked, ² “Why do your disciples break the tradition of the elders? For they don’t wash their hands when they eat.”

³ He answered them, “Why do you break God’s commandment because of your tradition? ⁴ For God said: **Honor your father and your mother; and, Whoever speaks evil of father or mother must be put to death.** ⁵ But you say, ‘Whoever tells his father or mother, “Whatever benefit you might have received from me is a gift committed to the temple,” ⁶ he does not have to honor his father.’ In this way, you have nullified the word of God because of your tradition. ⁷ Hypocrites! Isaiah prophesied correctly about you when he said:

**⁸ This people honors me with their lips,
but their heart is far from me.**

**⁹ They worship me in vain,
teaching as doctrines human commands.”**