

A wide-angle photograph of Main Street, USA at Disneyland. The street is paved with red bricks and has a central tram track. On the left, there are trees and a bench. On the right, there are multi-story buildings with green awnings and red and white bunting. In the background, the iconic clock tower of the Main Street Station is visible. The sky is clear and blue. The text "The Problem With Main St USA" is overlaid in the center of the image. "The Problem With Main" is in white, "St" is in white, and "USA" is in red and blue. Below the title, "Matthew 15:1-28" is written in red. In the bottom left corner, "Rick Myatt" is written in white. In the bottom right corner, "April 29, 2018" is written in white. In the bottom left corner, there is a logo for "DATELINE DISNEYLAND" with a small icon of a notepad and pencil.

# The Problem With Main St USA

Matthew 15:1-28

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# Matthew 15:1-6

Then some Pharisees and teachers of the law came to Jesus from Jerusalem and asked, <sup>2</sup> “Why do your disciples break the tradition of the elders? They don’t wash their hands before they eat!”

<sup>3</sup> Jesus replied, “And why do you break the command of God for the sake of your tradition? <sup>4</sup> For God said, ‘Honor your father and mother’ and ‘Anyone who curses their father or mother is to be put to death.’ <sup>5</sup> But you say that if anyone declares that what might have been used to help their father or mother is ‘devoted to God,’ <sup>6</sup> they are not to ‘honor their father or mother’ with it.

# Matthew 15:6-11

Thus you nullify the word of God for the sake of your tradition.

<sup>7</sup> You hypocrites! Isaiah was right when he prophesied about you:

*“These people honor me with their lips,  
but their hearts are far from me.*

*<sup>9</sup> They worship me in vain;  
their teachings are merely human rules.’”*

<sup>10</sup> Jesus called the crowd to him and said, “Listen and understand.

<sup>11</sup> What goes into someone’s mouth does not defile them, but what comes out of their mouth, that is what defiles them.”

# Matthew 15:12-18

<sup>12</sup> Then the disciples came to him and asked, “Do you know that the Pharisees were offended when they heard this?”

<sup>13</sup> He replied, “Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be pulled up by the roots. <sup>14</sup> Leave them; they are blind guides. If the blind lead the blind, both will fall into a pit.”

<sup>15</sup> Peter said, “Explain the parable to us.”

<sup>16</sup> “Are you still so dull?” Jesus asked them. <sup>17</sup> “Don’t you see that whatever enters the mouth goes into the stomach and then out of the body? <sup>18</sup> But the things that come out of a person’s mouth come from the heart, and these defile them.

# Matthew 15:19-23

<sup>19</sup> For out of the heart come evil thoughts—murder, adultery, sexual immorality, theft, false testimony, slander.

<sup>20</sup> These are what defile a person; but eating with unwashed hands does not defile them.”

<sup>21</sup> Leaving that place, Jesus withdrew to the region of Tyre and Sidon. <sup>22</sup> A Canaanite woman from that vicinity came to him, crying out, “Lord, Son of David, have mercy on me! My daughter is demon-possessed and suffering terribly.”

<sup>23</sup> Jesus did not answer a word. So his disciples came to him and urged him, “Send her away, for she keeps crying out after us.”



# Matthew 15:24-28

<sup>24</sup> He answered, “I was sent only to the lost sheep of Israel.”

<sup>25</sup> The woman came and knelt before him. “Lord, help me!” she said.

<sup>26</sup> He replied, “It is not right to take the children’s bread and toss it to the dogs.”

<sup>27</sup> “Yes it is, Lord,” she said. “Even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their master’s table.”

<sup>28</sup> Then Jesus said to her, “Woman, you have great faith! Your request is granted.” And her daughter was healed at that moment.

# Jesus

- Identifies The Problem
- Commends Great Faith
- Does It Again

# implications

- Religion Always Misses The Point
- Jesus Came to Transform People



# Ezekiel 36:26

<sup>26</sup> I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh.

# 2 Corinthians 5:17

<sup>17</sup> Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!

# Matthew 11:29

<sup>29</sup> Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.