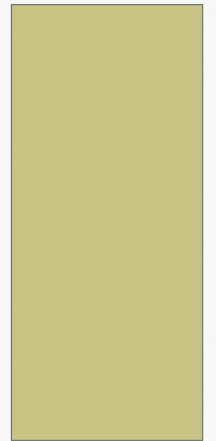


# Healing Of The Syro-Phoenician Woman's Daughter

MARK 7:24-30; MATTHEW 15:21-28



# Background

- At the time this miracle takes place, Jesus has been preaching for about two years.
- Recently, “many of His disciples went back and walked with him no more” (John 6:66).
- Opposition to Jesus was greater than ever before—Jews sought to kill him in both Judea (John 7:1) and Galilee (Matt. 12:14).
- Jesus also had Herod’s full attention (Mk. 6:14–29).

# Background

- This trip by Jesus to the “region of Tyre and Sidon” (Mark 7:24), was actually His second attempt to get away from the crowds, a time He would use to teach His 12 some important lessons.
- Earlier in His ministry: “A great multitude of people from all Judea and Jerusalem, and from the seacoast of **Tyre and Sidon**...came to hear Him and be healed of their diseases” (Luke 6:17; see also Mk. 3:8; Mt. 4:24).

# Reading the Text

- We'll have it on the screen, using Mark 7:24–30 as the main text.
- But to get the full account, we'll insert some text from Matthew 15:21–28 (marked by an asterisk).

From there He arose and went to the region of Tyre and Sidon. And He entered a house and wanted no one to know it, but **He could not be hidden.**

For a woman whose young daughter had an unclean spirit heard about Him, and she came and fell at His feet.

The woman was a **Greek**, a Syro-Phoenician by birth, and she kept asking Him to cast the demon out of her daughter.

\*“Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David! My daughter is severely demon-possessed.”

\*But He answered her **not a word**. And His disciples came and urged Him saying, “Send her away, for she cries out after us.”

\*But he answered and said, “I was not sent except to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.”

\*Then she came and worshiped Him saying, “Lord, help me!”

But Jesus said to her, “Let the little children be filled first, for it is not good to take the children’s bread and throw it to the little dogs.”

And she said, “Yes, Lord, yet even the little dogs under the table eat from the children’s crumbs.”

\*Then He said to her, “O woman, great is your faith! Let it be to you as You desire; the demon has gone out of your daughter!”

And her daughter was healed from that very hour.

And when she had come to her house, she found the demon gone out, and her daughter lying on the bed.

# What the 12 Learned

- They saw yet another incredible demonstration of the Lord's power.
- The need for more patience—one moment they wanted to send this woman away; the next moment Jesus was praising her faith.
- Wouldn't what they observed in this woman help them when they later went to the Gentiles?
- May have learned a thing or two about faith from this woman.

# The Faith of This Gentile Woman

- Marked by **honesty**. She heard and believed—that's what a honest person does when they examine the evidence.
- Marked by **humility** (is there any other kind?).
  - Didn't matter to her if she was first or last, or if she only received crumbs. No sense of entitlement here.
- Marked by **persistence**—through His silence, through the impatience of His disciples, through His statement about to whom He was sent, through His illustration about the dogs.



# If You Are Still in Your Sins...

- You should be ever bit as desperate to be healed, as this woman was to have her daughter healed.
- Believe in Jesus, know that He is the only one who can heal you.
- Come to Him in humility, knowing that He doesn't owe you anything, but that He will graciously grant you mercy.
- Keep believing in Him, no matter what He says, no matter how difficult things may be.