

Sermon Scripture Passage – Mark 7:24-30

24 And from there he arose and went away to the region of Tyre and Sidon. And he entered a house and did not want anyone to know, yet he could not be hidden. 25 But immediately a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit heard of him and came and fell down at his feet. 26 Now the woman was a Gentile, a Syrophenician by birth. And she begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. 27 And he said to her, "Let the children be fed first, for it is not right to take the children's bread and throw it to the dogs." 28 But she answered him, "Yes, Lord; yet even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs." 29 And he said to her, "For this statement you may go your way; the demon has left your daughter." 30 And she went home and found the child lying in bed and the demon gone.

Reference Verses:

Mark 1:45 - But he went out and began to talk freely about it, and to spread the news, so that Jesus could no longer openly enter a town, but was out in desolate places, and people were coming to him from every quarter.

Isaiah 25:6-8a

6 On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wine, of rich food full of marrow, of aged wine well refined.

7 And he will swallow up on this mountain the covering that is cast over all peoples, the veil that is spread over all nations.

8 He will swallow up death forever;

Luke 13:29 - People will come from east and west and north and south, and will take their places at the feast in the kingdom of God.

I John 2:2 - He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world.

Romans 1:16 - For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek.

Colossians 4:5-6 - Walk in wisdom toward outsiders, making the best use of the time. 6 Let your speech always be gracious, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how you ought to answer each person.

East Glenville Church – Sermon Notes Handout – January 24th 2021
Pastor Mitch – Jesus Messiah #2 – Mark 7:24-30 – What did He call her?

Mark 7: Jesus and his disciples are in the region of _____ near Tyre and Sidon.

The question to answer is why does Jesus initially dismiss the woman seeking help?

A secular liberal might ask: *Does Jesus share in the _____ attitudes of his culture?*

First: We can understand Jesus' response by looking at the _____ of the larger story in Mark

After healing the _____ Jesus could no longer openly enter a town.

Jesus had sent his disciples out to go town to town throughout _____

The demands of the crowd prevented Jesus from getting time away with his _____.

They traveled outside of Israel and were seeking to keep a _____ - _____.

What would have happened if Jesus would have gone with her to heal the daughter?

How did the mother's faith make it possible for Jesus to do the healing?

Second: God's plan of _____ was always meant to be for all peoples not just the Jews.

The Lord promised to bless _____, and through Him bless all peoples on earth.

God kept including non-Jews in the story of His People in the Old Testament, such as:

_____ the prostitute in Jericho _____ the Moabites widow

Sent _____ to a widow in Tyre and Sidon.

Third: Jesus as the Messiah would bear the news of the _____ of God to the Jewish people, and Jesus as the Son of God would open the _____ of salvation to all peoples!

Jesus did not avoid _____ as the Jews commonly did, but spent time there.

Luke 13:29 - *People will come from east and west and north and south, and will take their places at the _____ in the kingdom of God.*

How do you feel and respond when someone asks critical questions of the Bible?

How can such questions actually be opportunities?

How can we navigate the tension between keeping our focus on the mission God has given us as a church, and yet being open to responding to people's needs as they arise?

Sermon Handout Answers from January 24th 2021

Pastor Mitch – Jesus Messiah #2 – Mark 7:24-30 – What did He call her?

Fill-in-the-blank Answers:

- Syria
- Racist
- Context
- Leper
- Israel
- Disciples
- Low profile

What would have happened if Jesus would have gone with her to heal the daughter?

- They would have attracted a crowd and Jesus would not have been able to spend time with his disciples.

How did the mother's faith make it possible for Jesus to do the healing?

- She had the faith that just a crumb of his power was enough and that Jesus could heal without coming to her house. This enabled Jesus to heal her daughter and still focus on time with his disciples.

- Salvation
- Abraham
- Rahab
- Ruth
- Elijah
- Kingdom
- Door
- Samaria (the Samaritans)
- Feast
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