

# WHO DO YOU SAY HE IS?



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**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.

## The Woman understands Jesus' Kingdom

- The woman is an outsider
  - “**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” (vv. 25-26a). (SHOW Map)
  - “There is nothing outside a person that by going into him can defile him, but the things that come out of a person are what defile him” (Mark 7:15).
  - We are the Syrophenician woman!
- She humbly begs

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- Humble Faith = Desperation
  - Humility
  - Faith
    - “for they did not understand about the loaves, but their hearts were hardened” (Mark 6:52).
- How desperate are you?
- Jesus accepts her faith
  - “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’” (v. 27).
  - This isn't an insult; it's a parable.
  - “9 And he said, ‘He who has ears to hear, let him hear.’ 10 And when he was alone, those around him with the twelve asked him about the parables. 11 And he said to them, ‘To you has been given the secret of the kingdom of God, but for those outside everything is in parables, 12 so that ‘they may indeed see but not perceive, and may indeed hear but not understand, lest they should turn and be forgiven’” (Mark 4:9–12).
- Do you understand Jesus and His Kingdom?

Mark 7:31–37

**31** Then he returned from the region of Tyre and went through Sidon to the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. **32** And they brought to him a man who was deaf and had a speech impediment, and they begged him to lay his hand on him. **33** And taking him aside from the crowd privately, he put his fingers into his ears, and after spitting touched his tongue. **34** And looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, “Ephphatha,” that is, “Be opened.” **35** And his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. **36** And Jesus charged them to tell no one. But the more he charged them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. **37** And they were astonished beyond measure, saying, “He has done all things well. He even makes the deaf hear and the mute speak.”

### The Man hears Jesus' Kingdom

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  - “**31** Then he returned from the region of Tyre and went through Sidon to the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. **32** And they brought to him a man who was deaf and had a speech impediment” (vv. 31-32a).
  - We are the deaf Gentile!
- He is humbly brought
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Jesus’ kingdom is for everyone who humbly and desperately receives Jesus.

- Are you humbly desperate?
- Will you receive Jesus?