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SCRIPTURE READING

MATTHEW 15:21-28

"Then Jesus went out from there and departed to the region of Tyre and Sidon. And behold, a woman of Canaan came from that region and cried out to Him, saying, "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 He answered and said, "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 eat the crumbs which fall from their masters' table." Then Jesus answered and said to her, "O woman, great is your faith! Let it be to you as you desire." And her daughter was healed from that very hour." (Matthew 15:21–28, NKJV)

The New King James Version. Thomas Nelson, 1982.





SUPPLEMENTAL MATERIAL

The title "Son of David" emphasizes Jesus' royal lineage and fulfillment of God's covenant with David. It identifies Jesus as the promised Messiah who would establish an eternal kingdom. This title also highlights Jesus' role as the compassionate and accessible King, bringing healing, justice, and hope to all people.

OLD TESTAMENT BACKGROUND

Psalm 110 • Isaiah 11:1-10 • Hosea 3:4-5

GOSPELS

Matthew 1:1 • Matthew 9:27 • Matthew 21:9

GROUP DISCUSSION

Note a few background passages concerning the "Son of David" and discuss what they reveal about Jesus' identity & mission.

Why do you think the least of society welcomed Jesus as the Son of David while religious leaders opposed Him?

How does the belief that "God helps those who help themselves" conflict with the biblical portrayal of Jesus' mercy?

Where do you see yourself in this story? Are you like one of the groups mentioned or a mixture?

WHAT DOES THE TITLE MEAN?

In David's time, it meant that his son would build a house for the Lord (2 Samuel 7:11-16).

It evolved into the expectation of a future Son greater than David, bringing revival to Israel (Ps. 110; Mic. 5:2-5; Hos. 3:4-5).

Ultimately, it pointed to a future Son of David who will bring justice, peace, righteousness, & hope (Isa. 7:14; 9:6-7; 16:4-5).

WHAT DOES IT MEAN CONCERNING JESUS?

It meant God fulfilled His promise to David 1,000 years later (Mt. 1:1; 12:23; 22:41-46).

It meant that Jesus came to open the eyes of the blind and heal the broken-hearted (Mt. 9:27-31; 15:22; 20:30-31).

It meant those considered the least of society welcomed and praised Jesus (Mt. 21:9, 15).

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN FOR US?

Like religious leaders, we can oppose Jesus because His teachings and agenda do not fit our beliefs (Mt. 21:15).

Like the disciples, we can ignore the cries of the needy and disregard the central mission of Jesus (Mt. 15:23; 20:31).

Like the people whom Jesus showed mercy, we can cry out for mercy from the Son of David (Mt. 9:27; 15:22; 20:30-31; 21:15).

