

# Jesus Engages the Outsider

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## Introduction:

Text: Mark 7:24-37

**Big Idea:** Jesus works a plan to engage the \_\_\_\_\_ in their place of need.

## #1- Jesus engages the outsider \_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_

- The Syrophenician woman (24-30)
  - Context-around the family dinner \_\_\_\_\_
  - Language- Two different Greek words for “dog”, mongrel vs. family pet
  - Her faith was an informed faith, persistent faith, and a humble faith.
- The deaf man (31-35)
  - The “\_\_\_\_\_” were the angry people who chased Jesus off in Mark 5 and it was the transformed demoniac who told them about Jesus’ saving power.
  - Jesus met with the deaf & mute man \_\_\_\_\_.
  - Jesus always sees the individual in the crowd.
  - While Jesus actions appear weird, He personally communicated to this man at his deepest and most felt \_\_\_\_\_.
  - Jesus “sighed” connecting emotionally and intimately with him.
  - Jesus does not use words of empty empathy, but rather he acted with a conquering compassion.

## #2- Whatever Jesus engages, he does \_\_\_\_\_ **THINGS** \_\_\_\_\_ (36-37)

- Mark ties this event to a fulfillment of a Messianic prophecy of Isaiah.

## Truth in Action:

- **Jesus hears and responds to our cries for help. Expect God to change you and your family and friends!**
- **Remember Jesus always sees the individual in the crowd. Run to Him!**

## CONNECT CARD NEXT STEP:

#1-Invite that person to Jesus, believe He can bring change to their life.

#2-How we can help you and pray for you.

Pray first



Please understand we want to help you know Jesus personally and journey with you in taking fresh steps of obedience daily. We would love to pray with you and for you. Join us at the end of the service for prayer or send us your request on the Connect Card and we will lift them up throughout the week.

## Table Talk

**Warm Up:** Name a time when you were desperate for help. What did you do?

What is odd and unconventional about the Syrophenician woman's request? (It violates Jewish religious tradition for a woman, especially a Gentile woman, to approach a Jewish rabbi and make a request of him. So in terms of breaking tradition, it is linked with the scene of our previous study.)

In what ways is the Syrophenician woman a model for us? (She was humble, she was persistent in bringing her needs to Jesus, and she had faith that Jesus had ample power and good will to meet her needs.)

What is worth noting about the people who brought the deaf man to Jesus?

What is the first thing Jesus does with the deaf man?

Why do you think Jesus did this? (Jesus didn't throw miracles into the crowds; He cared for individuals personally.)

How did Jesus heal this man who was handicapped with deafness and a speech impediment? ("Jesus put his fingers into the man's ears. Then He spit and touched the man's tongue. He looked up to heaven and with a deep sigh said to him, 'Ephphatha!'", meaning "Be opened".)

Why does Jesus use this seemingly odd technique instead of simply pronouncing him healed?

How does the crowd respond to the healing?

**Closing Prayer:** God help me always to live believing you are the GREATEST LIFE CHANGER!

Resources: Resources: G. Campbell Morgan, The Gospel of Mark; R. C. Sproul, The Gospel of Mark; Tim Keller, Christ the King; Life Application Bible Commentary, Mark; Jason Meyer, Mark for You; Gaebelien (Ed.), The Expositor's Bible Commentary: Mark