

Lion Man

SERMON 6

TEXT: Mark 7:24-8:10



ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Be sure to use the Mark reading guide as we study through this gospel.
 - Marriage Conference at Redeemer Friday and Saturday, March 15-16.
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LEADING OFF...

1. What is your favorite Winter Olympic event?
2. What causes conflict between nations?

BIG IDEA: Jesus is Lord of the nations.

Read Mark 7:24-26

3. This is Jesus' first and only time he ventured into Gentile territory, outside of Israel. What is significant about this?
4. How did the Jews regard Gentiles? How did they feel about the people of Tyre and Sidon?
5. How do you think Jesus' disciples felt about this woman who threw herself at Jesus?

Read Mark 7:27 and Matthew 15:24

6. What is Jesus saying to the woman and ultimately all of us?
7. Why does Jesus call this woman "a dog"?

Read Mark 7:28-30

8. How did this woman respond to Jesus?
9. This Gentile woman is the first person (other than demons), to acknowledge Jesus for who He is. What does her faith speak to us about how we respond to Jesus?

Read Mark 7:31

10. Jesus takes a tour of territory outside of Israel. What might be the meaning of Jesus spending months ministering to Gentiles?

Read Mark 7:32-35

11. This man was viewed as unclean because of his disabilities. What do you think life was like for this man?
12. In what spirit did Jesus respond to this man?
13. Why do you think Jesus did the things he did in healing this man?
14. What does this say to us as a church, and how we should minister to those in need?

Read Isaiah 35:4-6 and Mark 7:36-37

15. Isaiah prophecies hundreds of years before of what Jesus would do when he came. Mark tells us they were astonished and zealously proclaimed Him. What does this mean for us?

Read Mark 8:1-10

16. What is Jesus' heart for these Gentile people?
17. Jesus feeds thousands of Gentiles, with 7 baskets left over. 7 is the number of completion or totality. What is Jesus saying to these Gentiles and to us?

Wrapping Up:**Read Revelation 7:9**

18. What is being said in this verse?
19. No one is born a Christian, so, how is this going to happen?

Read Matthew 28:18-20

20. How does Jesus' final command before He left earth tie into what we've read from Mark?
21. What does this command speak to us individually and as a church?