



# **The Messiah We Didn't Expect**



### ***Jesus Loves the World! Even Dogs***

*Mark 7:24-37*

Where is Tyre and Sidon and why is it significant in Marks gospel?

Yet again we see the “Messianic Secret” element of Christ in that he asks people to keep truth hidden? Or he hides Himself? Why?

“Immediately” pops up again and we see a desperate Mom boldly seeking Christ! Is this desperation or faith? [Matthew 15:21-28](#)

What other added aspects of the story does Matthew add?

How many times does Jesus call out notable faith in the gospels?

Some today accuse Jesus of being Racist due to this text and say that the woman corrected Jesus? Thoughts?

Why does Jesus refer to this woman as a Dog?

Should we beg God?

Did Jesus care about Gentiles, Non- Jews?

In the next story Jesus miraculously opened something for a man, what was it? Is there a message for us in this?

What would it take for you to bring you to your knees before Jesus?

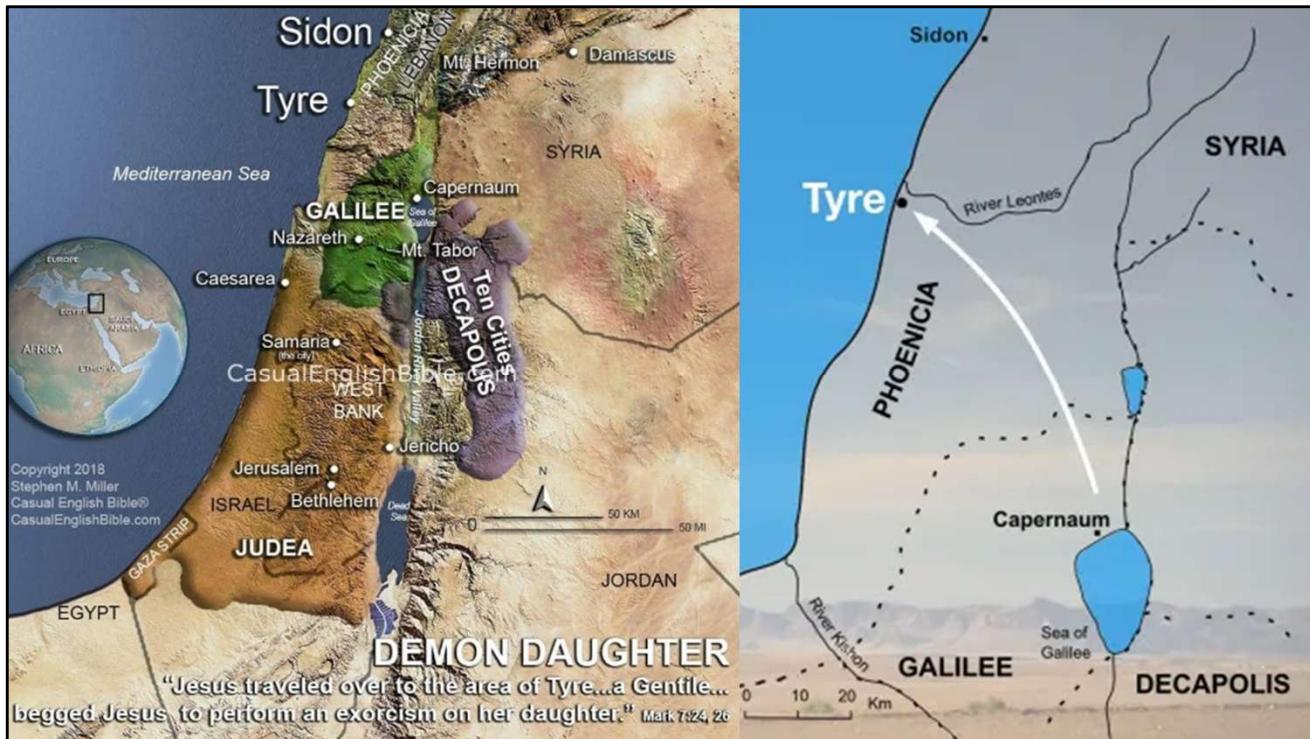
[Mar 7:24-37 ESV] 24 And from there he arose and went away to the region of Tyre and Sidon. And he entered a house and did not want anyone to know, yet he could not be hidden. 25 But immediately a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit heard of him and came and fell down at his feet. 26 Now the woman was a Gentile, a Syrophoenician 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. 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 Syrophenician Woman of Mark 7:26



# Obvious Questions

- Why did Jesus leave Israel? Go to Tyre and Sidon?
- Why did Jesus want to hide? Want no one to know?
- Why did Jesus infer the gentile woman, was a dog?
- How was the woman's response surprising?
- How many times does Jesus note remarkable faith?
- Are you deaf or dumb?



35-50 miles from Galilee

Tyre - Phoenicia

Sidon

Decapolis

Galilee

# Tyre and Sidon? Jesus left Israel!

- Roughly 35-50 miles from Galilee, in Phoenicia
- Tyre and Sidon, seats of enemy powers
- Sidon, Home of Jezebel, Baal worship
- Jesus said they were more receptive than Israel!
- Symbolic of Elijah's ministry, also rejected – 1 Kings 17, Luke 4

**After the obstinate Jewish leaders, Some may have mistakenly thought he was ReTYREing?**

**After the early portion of Mark 7 where Jesus rebuked Pharisees, the best religious representatives of the chosen people!**

**roughly 35-50 miles from Galilee, Major Seaport cities**

**crowds from Tyre and Sidon came to see and listen to Him (Mark 3:7-8)**

**Jesus mentions Tyre and Sidon in Luke 10:13-14 (see also Matthew 11:20-24), comparing them to several cities in which He had performed miracles**

**Elijah and Zarephath (1 Kings 17:8-24), Lk.4. 2 Kings 4:8-37 ESV - Elisha and the Shunammite Woman,**

**[Luk 4:24-26 ESV]** 24 And he said, "Truly, I say to you, no prophet is acceptable in his hometown. 25 But in truth, I tell you, there were many widows in Israel in the days of Elijah, when the heavens were shut up three years and six months, and a great famine came over all the land, 26 and Elijah was sent to none of them but only to Zarephath, in the land of Sidon, to a woman who was a widow.

**[1Ki 17:9, 12, 17-22 ESV]** 9 "Arise, go to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and dwell there. Behold, I have commanded a widow there to feed you." ... 12 And she said, "As the LORD your God lives, I have nothing baked, only a handful of flour in a jar and a little oil in a jug. And now I am gathering a couple of sticks that I may go in and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it and die." ... 17 After this the son of the woman, the mistress of the house, became ill. And his illness was so severe that there was no breath left in him. 18 And she said to Elijah, "What have you against me, O man of God?

You have come to me to bring my sin to remembrance and to cause the death of my son!" 19 And he said to her, "Give me your son." And he took him from her arms and carried him up into the upper chamber where he lodged, and laid him on his own bed. 20 And he cried to the LORD, "O LORD my God, have you brought calamity even upon the widow with whom I sojourn, by killing her son?" 21 Then he stretched himself upon the child three times and cried to the LORD, "O LORD my God, let this child's life come into him again." 22 And the LORD listened to the voice of Elijah. And the life of the child came into him again, and he revived.

**Daniels ministry likely inspired the Wise men at Jesus' birth**

**Elijahs ministry likely inspired the Sidonian people to believe in Jesus now, 900 yrs later**

The Old Testament mentions Israel's dealings with these cities, including the Israelites' failure to conquer Sidon in the conquest of the Promised Land ([Judges 1:31](#)), their **worship of Sidonian gods on several occasions** ([Judges 10:6–16](#); [1 Kings 11](#)), and their **obtaining materials from Sidon and Tyre for the building of the temple** ([1 Chronicles 22:4](#)). King Hiram of Tyre provided many of the temple furnishings for Solomon ([1 Kings 7:13–51](#)). Tyrians and Sidonians are also mentioned in helping rebuild the temple in Ezra's time ([Ezra 3:7](#)). **Queen Jezebel** was a Sidonian ([1 Kings 16:31](#)). **The Sidonian city of Zarephath was where a widow took care of Elijah and the Lord provided oil and flour for her through the famine; later, the widow's son became ill, and Elijah raised him from the dead** ([1 Kings 17:8–24](#)).

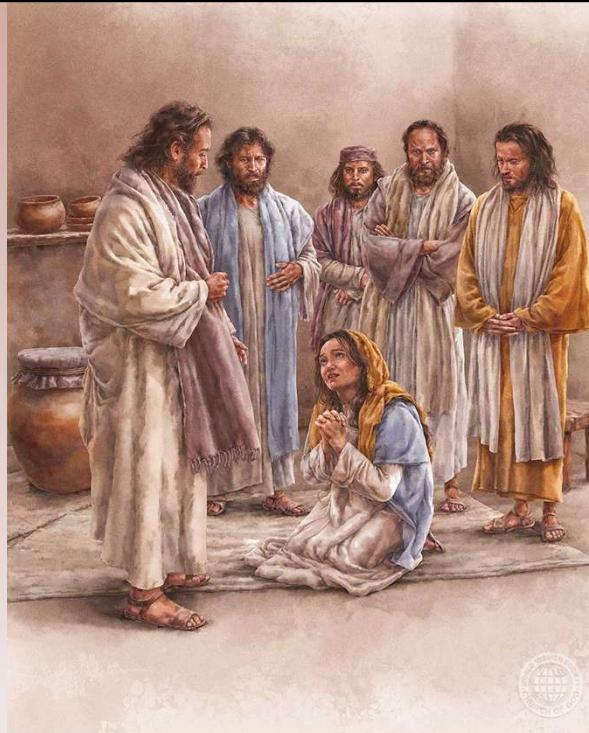
The **Old Testament also has several prophecies against Tyre and Sidon that predicted a complete overthrow** ([Isaiah 23](#); [Jeremiah 25; 27; 47](#); [Ezekiel 26–28](#); [Joel 3](#); [Amos 1:9–10](#); [Zechariah 9:1–4](#)). Nebuchadnezzar besieged Tyre from 585–572 BC. Alexander the Great conquered Tyre in 322 BC, completely destroying the city. The Persian king Artaxerxes conquered Sidon. In short, God's prophesied judgment came to pass. Later, both cities became prosperous provinces of Rome.

**crowds from Tyre and Sidon came to see and listen to Him** ([Mark 3:7–8](#)). Jesus helped a **Syrophoenician woman** and commended her faith ([Matthew 15:21–28](#)).

**Jesus mentions Tyre and Sidon in Luke 10:13–14 (see also Matthew 11:20–24)**,

**comparing them to several cities in which He had performed miracles.** These cities of Israel had been blessed with Jesus' presence, preaching, and power, yet they had not repented. Jesus pronounces woes on them, stating that Tyre and Sidon, given the same opportunity, would have turned from their wickedness and been saved: "**Woe to you, Chorazin! Woe to you, Bethsaida! For if the miracles that were performed in you had been performed in Tyre and Sidon, they would have repented long ago, sitting in sackcloth and ashes. But it will be more bearable for Tyre and Sidon at the judgment than for you.**" Jesus also says [Capernaum](#) is under God's judgment for their rejection of Christ (verse 15), because "whoever rejects me rejects him who sent me" (verse 16).

The distance from the Sea of Galilee region (like Gennesaret) to the ancient cities of Tyre and Sidon in [Phoenicia](#) (modern Lebanon) is roughly 35-50 miles (56-80 km) by foot, a journey Jesus and his disciples took,



**What person from Tyre and Sidon would've shown Jesus hospitality?**

**Some Sidonian Person took the Prophet/Christ of Israel in and hosted him? His fame went far and someone revered Him!!**

**Word spread Quickly, and it reached the ears of a Mom in urgent Need!**

# “yet he could not be hidden”. “Immediately”

- The “Messianic Secret”?
  - God/Jesus is NOT obliged to explain everything
  - We miss the bigger mystery's, That He loves us at all!
- “Immediately”
  - Action focused, direct cause and effect, responsive
  - Urgency, connects Divine Providence and purpose

Jesus was Available, w/o being Used! Most people only wanted to USE Jesus

## Key Elements of the Mystery

**The Messianic Secret:** Jesus often forbids those who recognize him (like demons or healed individuals) from revealing his identity.

**Parable Teaching:** He speaks in parables to crowds, stating it's a way to keep outsiders from understanding the "mystery of the kingdom" (Mark 4:11-12).

**Confused Disciples:** Even his closest followers struggle to grasp who Jesus is, often failing to understand his actions and teachings.

**Supernatural Knowledge:** While humans are confused, demons and God at Jesus's baptism and transfiguration clearly know his divine identity.

**Reader Engagement:** The secrecy acts as a literary device, inviting readers to discover Jesus's true identity alongside the narrative's progression.

## Theories on the Secrecy

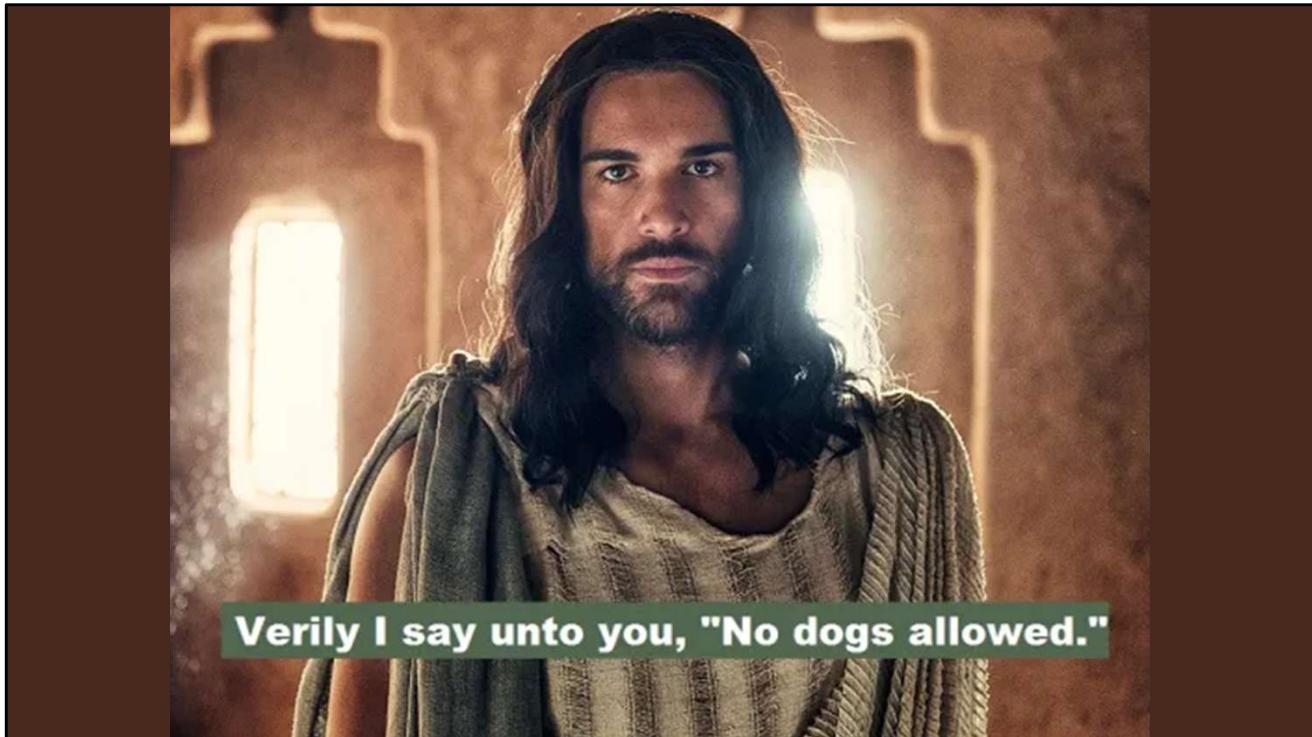
**Historical:** Jesus might have wanted to avoid political upheaval or premature acclaim as a military Messiah.

**Literary/Theological:** It's a way to build suspense, highlight the true nature of the Messiah (suffering servant, not warrior), and challenge readers to move from external signs to internal faith.

Mark uses "immediately" (Greek: euthys) frequently (around 40 times) to create a fast-paced, urgent

tone, highlighting Jesus's swift, action-oriented ministry and divine purpose, showing His prompt obedience and the critical need for immediate response to His message, unlike the more contemplative pace of other Gospels. This stylistic choice emphasizes Jesus's power and the critical nature of His mission, moving quickly from one event to the next, from healings to calls for discipleship, demanding an urgent response

<https://www.gotquestions.org/immediately-in-Mark.html>



As often is the case, The Devil misquotes Jesus, so do many in our world

**He may have referred to her as a Dog, But didn't say they weren't allowed!**

**Which is more concerning?**

**That Jesus tests our Faith or We test His patience?**

**Please tell me which other religious leaders name is cursed and used blasphemously on a daily basis?**

**Never use Jesus' name in vain!!**

**But that never seems to bother anyone!**



**Our text today has evoked an Impudent and outrageous response from 'so called Ministers'!**

**These blasphemers will Answer!!**

marked by contemptuous or cocky disrespect of others : very rude : **INSOLENT**

**Woman Pastor says: Jesus direct encounter with blunt truth transformed Him (Jesus). We too must listen to the truth and change how we see and treat others.**

**Gay Minister says Strong woman 'Spoke Truth" to Jesus' racism, Caused Him to repent**

In her sermon on the Second Sunday of Easter, **Interim Pastor Rebekah Anderson** preached on the story of "**The Syrophoenician Woman's Faith**," as recorded in the Scripture [Mark 7:24-30](#). She stated that when people are brought into direct contact with the truth, they are transformed. Whatever is obstructing their view is removed and allows them to see clearly something they couldn't see before. In the case of Jesus, it's as if, for one moment, he lost sight of his mission. He seemingly forgot that he had just taught the crowd of Scribes and Pharisees that "what comes out of our hearts supersedes the law."

The Syrophoenician woman of great faith asked Jesus to heal her daughter. She, who was a Gentile, not Jewish, taught Jesus to be more tolerant. **This woman brought Jesus into a direct encounter with the truth and reminds him of his mission's entire point, thus empowering him to transform**

**others.** Pastor Rebekah reminds us “that as Christians, we are called to listen deeply to ourselves, to others, and to God.” We are often afraid to listen, she said, “because when we do, we are often confronted with things that are really uncomfortable.” She invites us to honor God with our hearts and actions by listening to those who are different from us, who can remind us of what we are called to be. God’s unconditional love for us will help us listen deeply.

You, too, can experience God’s love and transformation. Come worship with us at Princeton United Methodist Church, and be a part of this beloved community. [Click here](#) to watch the PUMC worship service and listen to the sermon.

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<https://princetonumc.info/quote-of-the-day-7/>

<https://dougwilsonsays.com/blog/jesus-racism-canaanite-woman/>

Was Jesus a Racist? Homosexual “Pastor” Says So

TikTok “pastor” Brandan Robertson calls out Jesus’ supposed racism in line with LGBT activist thinking while ignoring basic biblical teaching about Christ’s sinlessness.

<https://answersingenesis.org/culture/was-jesus-racist-homosexual-pastor-says-so/>

<https://answersingenesis.org/culture/tiktok-pastor-says-jesus-not-only-way/>

<https://www.adventchristianvoices.com/blog/2021/4/15/was-jesus-a-racist>

“Pastor” Brandan Robertson made in a recent TikTok:

Did you know that there's a part of the [Gospel](#) of Mark where [Jesus](#) uses a racial slur? In Mark chapter 7 there's the account of the Syrophoenician woman. A woman who is Syrian and Greek, both of which there were strong biases against within the Jewish community.

And she comes to ask Jesus to heal her daughter who is possessed by a demon. And what is Jesus' response? He says it's not good for me to give the children's food—meaning the children of Israel's food—to dogs. He calls her a dog.

What's amazing about this account is that the woman doesn't back down. She speaks

truth to power, she confronts Jesus and says, 'Well you can think that about me but even dogs deserve the crumbs from the table.'

Her boldness and bravery to speak truth to power actually changes Jesus' mind. Jesus repents of His racism and extends healing to this woman's daughter.

I love this story because it's a reminder that Jesus is human. He had prejudices and bias. And when confronted with it, He was willing to do His work. And this woman was willing to stand up and speak truth.

<https://answersingenesis.org/culture/was-jesus-racist-homosexual-pastor-says-so/>

# A Syrophenician woman

- A Gentile, a non-jew, not the chosen people
- Syrophenician by birth, Syrian & Phoenician
- A Canaanite woman – Matthew 15:22, Exodus 33:2, 2 Kings 21:2
- “Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David;”
- Begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter.

Demon Possession! Only Jesus can heal her!

[Mar 7:25 ESV] 25 But immediately a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit heard of him and came and fell down at his feet.

a Gentile, [G1674](#) Ἑλληνίς 'Ελληνίς *hellēnis*

of the Syrophenician [G4949](#) Συροφοινίκισσα Συροφοινίκισσα *syrophoinikissa*

[Gal 3:28 ESV] 28 There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is no male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus.

[Col 3:11 ESV] 11 Here there is not Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free; but Christ is all, and in all.

[Mat 15:22 ESV] 22 And behold, a Canaanite woman from that region came out and was crying, "Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David; my daughter is severely oppressed by a demon."

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[Mat 3:8-9 ESV] 8 Bear fruit in keeping with repentance. 9 And do not presume to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our father,' for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children for

Abraham.

[Psa 45:12 ESV] 12 The people of Tyre will seek your favor with gifts, the richest of the people.

[Eze 3:6 ESV] 6 not to many peoples of foreign speech and a hard language, whose words you cannot understand. Surely, if I sent you to such, they would listen to you.

[Gen 10:19 ESV] 19 And the territory of the Canaanites extended from Sidon in the direction of Gerar as far as Gaza, and in the direction of Sodom, Gomorrah, Admah, and Zeboiim, as far as Lasha.

[Gen 12:6 ESV] 6 Abram passed through the land to the place at Shechem, to the oak of Moreh. At that time the Canaanites were in the land.

[Gen 24:3 ESV] 3 that I may make you swear by the LORD, the God of heaven and God of the earth, that you will not take a wife for my son from the daughters of the Canaanites, among whom I dwell,

[Exo 3:8 ESV] 8 and I have come down to deliver them out of the hand of the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the place of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites.

[Exo 23:23 ESV] 23 "When my angel goes before you and brings you to the Amorites and the Hittites and the Perizzites and the Canaanites, the Hivites and the Jebusites, and I blot them out,

[Exo 33:2 ESV] 2 I will send an angel before you, and I will drive out the Canaanites, the Amorites, the Hittites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites.

Hence, Sidon is called the "firstborn" of Canaan ([Ge 10:15](#), though compare [Jud 3:3](#)), and the Septuagint translates "Canaanites" by "Phoenicians" and "Canaan" by the "land of the Phoenicians" ([Ex 16:35](#); [Jos 5:12](#)).

[Deu 7:2](#) and when the LORD your God gives them over to you, and you defeat them, then you must devote them to complete destruction. You shall make no covenant with them and show no mercy to them.

[Deu 12:29-31 ESV] 29 "When the LORD your God cuts off before you the nations whom

you go in to dispossess, and you dispossess them and dwell in their land, 30 take care that you be not ensnared to follow them, after they have been destroyed before you, and that you do not inquire about their gods, saying, 'How did these nations serve their gods?--that I also may do the same.' 31 You shall not worship the LORD your God in that way, for every abominable thing that the LORD hates they have done for their gods, for they even burn their sons and their daughters in the fire to their gods.

[Lev 18:26-30 ESV] 26 But you shall keep my statutes and my rules and do none of these abominations, either the native or the stranger who sojourns among you 27 (for the people of the land, who were before you, did all of these abominations, so that the land became unclean), 28 lest the land vomit you out when you make it unclean, as it vomited out the nation that was before you. 29 For everyone who does any of these abominations, the persons who do them shall be cut off from among their people. 30 So keep my charge never to practice any of these abominable customs that were practiced before you, and never to make yourselves unclean by them: I am the LORD your God."

[2Ki 21:2 ESV] 2 And he did what was evil in the sight of the LORD, according to the despicable practices of the nations whom the LORD drove out before the people of Israel.

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Does Jesus offend you?

They called Him: out of his mind, Insane, Demon possessed, a Liar/Deceiver, a Samaritan, **Beelzebul, the prince of demons, unworthy of following!!!**

[Mar 3:21 ESV] 21 And when his family heard it, they went out to seize him, for they were saying, "**He is out of his mind.**"

[Jhn 7:12 ESV] 12 And there was much muttering about him among the people. While some said, "He is a good man," others said, "**No, he is leading the people astray.**"

[Jhn 7:20 ESV] 20 The crowd answered, "**You have a demon!** Who is seeking to kill you?"

[Jhn 7:47 ESV] 47 The Pharisees answered them, "**Have you also been deceived?**"

[Jhn 8:52 ESV] 52 The Jews said to him, "Now we know that **you have a demon!** Abraham died, as did the prophets, yet you say, 'If anyone keeps my word, he will never taste death.'

[Jhn 8:48 ESV] 48 The Jews answered him, "**Are we not right in saying that you are a Samaritan and have a demon?**"

[Jhn 9:24 ESV] 24 So for the second time they called the man who had been blind and said to him, "Give glory to God. **We know that this man is a sinner.**"

[Jhn 10:20 ESV] 20 Many of them said, "**He has a demon, and is insane; why listen to him?**"

[Mat 12:24 ESV] 24 But when the Pharisees heard it, they said, "**It is only by Beelzebul, the prince of demons, that this man casts out demons.**"

# Beg? Bow? Brag!

- Fell down at his feet...knelt before him – Matthew 15:25
- Crying, ...she is crying out
- “my daughter is severely oppressed by a demon.”
- But he did not answer her a word.
- Matthew 15:24 – He answered, “I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.”

**If you were her, what would you have thought/Said?!!**

Mat 15:21-28 And Jesus went away from there and withdrew to the district of Tyre and Sidon. 22 And behold, a Canaanite woman from that region came out and was crying, "Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David; my daughter is severely oppressed by a demon." 23 But he did not answer her a word. And his disciples came and begged him, saying, "Send her away, for she is crying out after us." 24 He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." 25 But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." 26 And he answered, "It is not right to take the children's bread and throw it to the dogs." 27 She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." 28 Then Jesus answered her, "O woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you desire." And her daughter was healed instantly.

**Do you have to be desperate to come to Jesus? YES!**

**You are Desperate!**

**No one else can do for you what Jesus can**

**You are heading to an eternity under his wrath for your sins! You are in Jeopardy every hour!**

[Mar 5:17 ESV] 17 And they began to beg Jesus to depart from their region.

[Luk 8:28 ESV] 28 When he saw Jesus, he cried out and fell down before him and said with a loud

voice, "What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me."

[Luk 9:38 ESV] 38 And behold, a man from the crowd cried out, "Teacher, I beg you to look at my son, for he is my only child."

[Luk 16:3, 27 ESV] 3 And the manager said to himself, 'What shall I do, since my master is taking the management away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. ... 27 And he said, 'Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father's house--

[Jhn 9:8 ESV] 8 The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar were saying, "Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?"

[Act 21:39 ESV] 39 Paul replied, "I am a Jew, from Tarsus in Cilicia, a citizen of no obscure city. I beg you, permit me to speak to the people."

[Act 24:4 ESV] 4 But, to detain you no further, I beg you in your kindness to hear us briefly.

[Act 26:3 ESV] 3 especially because you are familiar with all the customs and controversies of the Jews. Therefore I beg you to listen to me patiently.

[2Co 2:8 ESV] 8 So I beg you to reaffirm your love for him.

[2Co 10:2 ESV] 2 I beg of you that when I am present I may not have to show boldness with such confidence as I count on showing against some who suspect us of walking according to the flesh.

[Heb 12:19 ESV] 19 and the sound of a trumpet and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that no further messages be spoken to them.

[Mar 10:46 ESV] 46 And they came to Jericho. And as he was leaving Jericho with his disciples and a great crowd, Bartimaeus, a blind beggar, the son of Timaeus, was sitting by the roadside.

[Jhn 9:8 ESV] 8 The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar were saying, "Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?"

[1Co 1:29, 31 ESV] 29 so that no human being might boast in the presence of God. ... 31 so that, as it is written, "Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord."



# THE SYROPHOENICIAN WOMAN

THE EPITOME OF FAITH

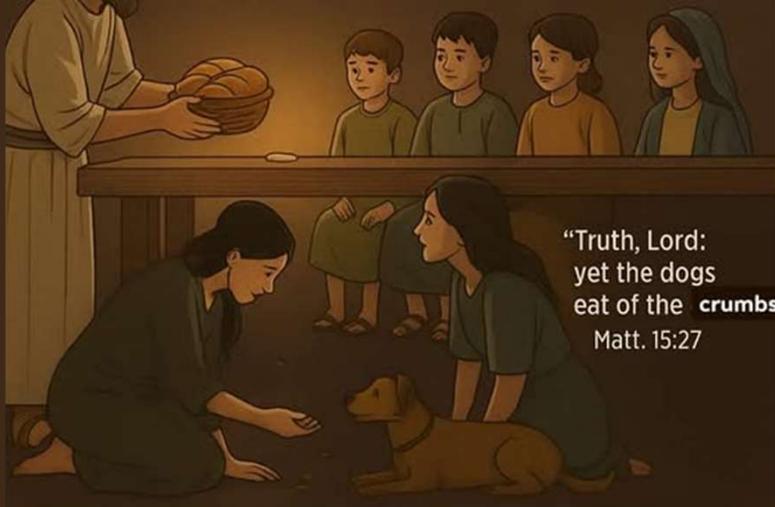


## God has always cared for the non-Jew!

- Hagar the Mom of Arabs – Genesis 16:14, 21
- Rahab the Canaanite – Joshua 2, 6; Hebrews 11:31
- Nineveh – Jonah 1-4
- Naaman the Syrian – 2 Kings 5; Luke 4:27
- Ruth the Moabitess – Ruth 1-4
- Widow of Zarephath/Sidon – 1 Kings 17:10; Luke 4:26

# “Let the Children First Be Filled”

Mark 7:27 | Matthev 15:24-28



“Truth, Lord:  
yet the dogs  
eat of the crumbs

Matt. 15:27

**[Gen 18:18 ESV] 18 seeing that Abraham shall surely become a great and mighty nation, and all the nations of the earth shall be blessed in him?**

**[Gen 22:18 ESV] 18 and in your offspring shall all the nations of the earth be blessed, because you have obeyed my voice."**

**[Gen 26:4 ESV] 4 I will multiply your offspring as the stars of heaven and will give to your offspring all these lands. And in your offspring all the nations of the earth shall be blessed,**

**[Psa 72:17 ESV] 17 May his name endure forever, his fame continue as long as the sun! May people be blessed in him, all nations call him blessed!**

**[Gal 3:8 ESV] 8 And the Scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, preached the gospel beforehand to Abraham, saying, "In you shall all the nations be blessed."**

# I am not worthy

- If anyone deserves to go to heaven, \_\_\_\_\_ does!
- Romans 3 – “under sin, None is righteous...” Asps!
- Prodigal son, Sinful Woman, Thief on Cross...
- “not realizing that you are wretched, pitiable, poor, blind, and naked” – Revelation 3:15-18, Philippians 3!
- Scarcely saved – 1 Peter 4:18, firebrands! – Zechariah 3:2

**You make me Vomit!**

**We have nothing to offer God and Everything to gain!**

**We deserve his wrath; He deserves our Worship!**

[Luk 15:19, 21 ESV] 19 I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Treat me as one of your hired servants." ... 21 And the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.'

[Luk 5:8 ESV] 8 But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord."

[Luk 7:6-7 ESV] 6 And Jesus went with them. When he was not far from the house, the centurion sent friends, saying to him, "Lord, do not trouble yourself, for I am not worthy to have you come under my roof. 7 Therefore I did not presume to come to you. But say the word, and let my servant be healed."

[Job 42:6 ESV] 6 therefore I despise myself, and repent in dust and ashes."

[1Co 15:9 ESV] 9 For I am the least of the apostles, unworthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God.

[1Ti 1:13-16 ESV] 13 though formerly I was a blasphemer, persecutor, and insolent opponent. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, 14 and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. 15 The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full

acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the foremost. 16 But I received mercy for this reason, that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display his perfect patience as an example to those who were to believe in him for eternal life.

[Rom 3:9-20, 22-24, 27-30 ESV] 9 What then? Are we Jews any better off? No, not at all. **For we have already charged that all, both Jews and Greeks, are under sin, 10 as it is written: "None is righteous, no, not one; 11 no one understands; no one seeks for God. 12 All have turned aside; together they have become worthless; no one does good, not even one."** 13 "Their throat is an open grave; they use their tongues to deceive." **"The venom of asps is under their lips."** 14 **"Their mouth is full of curses and bitterness."** 15 "Their feet are swift to shed blood; 16 in their paths are ruin and misery, 17 and the way of peace they have not known." 18 "There is no fear of God before their eyes." 19 Now we know that whatever the law says it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be stopped, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. 20 For by works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin. ... 22 the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: 23 for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, 24 and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ... 27 Then what becomes of our boasting? It is excluded. By what kind of law? By a law of works? No, but by the law of faith. 28 For we hold that one is justified by faith apart from works of the law. 29 Or is God the God of Jews only? Is he not the God of Gentiles also? Yes, of Gentiles also, 30 since God is one--who will justify the circumcised by faith and the uncircumcised through faith.

**[1Pe 4:17-18 ESV] 17 For it is time for judgment to begin at the household of God; and if it begins with us, what will be the outcome for those who do not obey the gospel of God? 18 And "If the righteous is scarcely saved, what will become of the ungodly and the sinner?"**

**[Jde 1:23 ESV] 23 save others by snatching them out of the fire; to others show mercy with fear, hating even the garment stained by the flesh.**

**[Zec 3:2 ESV] 2 And the LORD said to Satan, "The LORD rebuke you, O Satan! The LORD who has chosen Jerusalem rebuke you! Is not this a brand plucked from the fire?"**

**[Rev 3:15-18 ESV] 15 "I know your works: you are neither cold nor hot. Would that you were either cold or hot! 16 So, because you are lukewarm, and neither hot nor cold, I will spit you out of my mouth. 17 For you say, "I am rich, I have prospered, and I need nothing," not realizing that you are wretched, pitiable, poor, blind, and naked. 18 I counsel you to buy from me gold refined by fire, so that you may be rich, and white garments so that you may clothe yourself and the shame of your nakedness may not be seen, and salve to anoint your eyes, so that you may see.**

**Phl 3:4, 7-9** though I myself have reason for confidence in the flesh also. If anyone else thinks he has reason for confidence in the flesh, I have more: ... 7 But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ. 8 Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ 9 and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith—

We are unworthy rebel ingrates!! We God hating enemies!

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-SINCLAIR B. FERGUSON

**Thinking that I deserve Heaven is a sure sign that I have NO Understanding of the gospel!**

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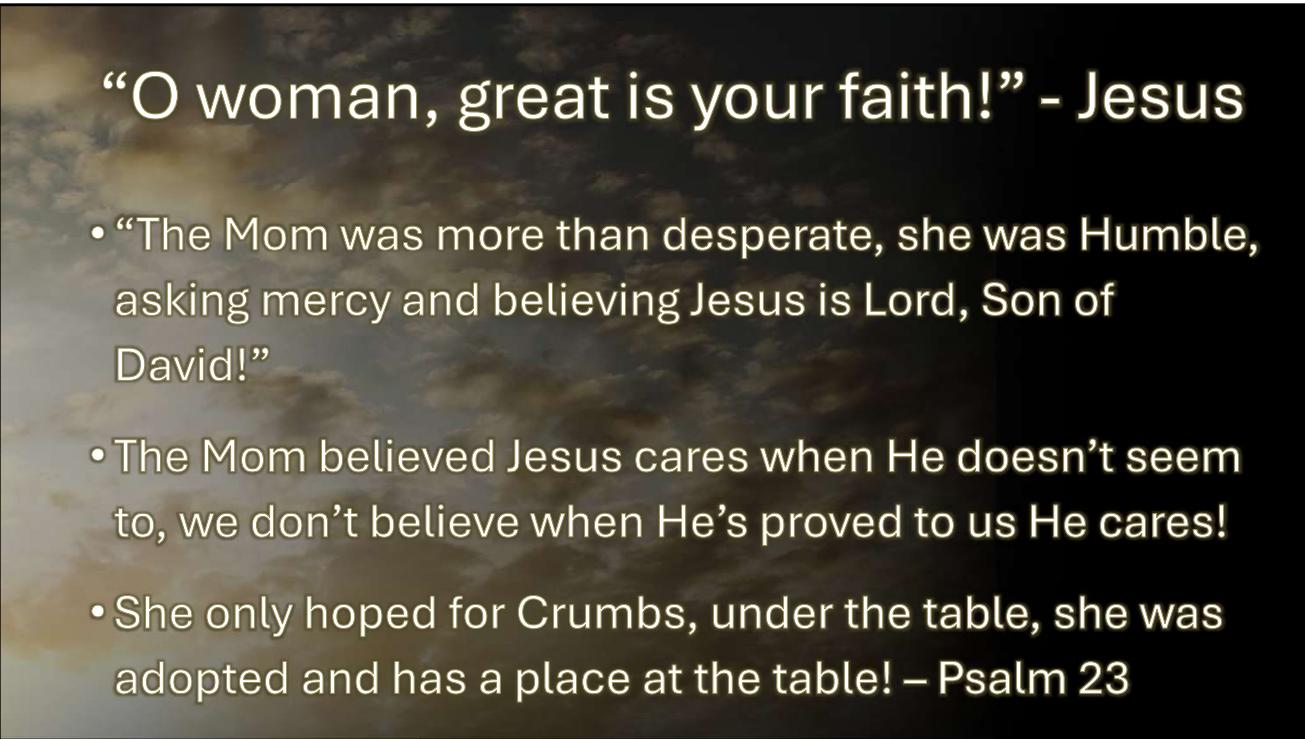
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## “O woman, great is your faith!” - Jesus

- “The Mom was more than desperate, she was Humble, asking mercy and believing Jesus is Lord, Son of David!”
- The Mom believed Jesus cares when He doesn’t seem to, we don’t believe when He’s proved to us He cares!
- She only hoped for Crumbs, under the table, she was adopted and has a place at the table! – Psalm 23

Desperate people may Lie, steel, kill....

[Mat 15:28 ESV] 28 Then Jesus answered her, "O woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you desire." And her daughter was healed instantly.



# Great Faith

## The Syrophenician Woman

Matthew 15:21-28; Mark 7:24-30

a [Roman centurion](#) (Matthew 8:5–13) for his servant's healing **"I tell you, not even in Israel have I found such great faith" (Matthew 8:10).**

a [Canaanite \(Syro-Phoenician\) woman](#) (Matthew 15:21–28) for her daughter's healing, **"O woman, your faith is great! Let it be done for you as you desire" (Matthew 15:28).**

both non-Jews whose faith astonished Him and stood out even among Israelites.

# In the region of the Decapolis

- A man who was deaf and had a speech impediment
- They begged him to lay his hand on him.
- Put his finger into his ears, and after spitting touched his tongue
- “Be opened.”
- Ears were opened, his tongue was released!

[Mar 7:31-37 ESV] 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."

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[2Co 6:13 NLT] 13 I am asking you to respond as if you were my own children. Open your hearts to us!

[2Co 7:2 NLT] 2 Please open your hearts to us. We have not done wrong to anyone, nor led anyone astray, nor taken advantage of anyone.

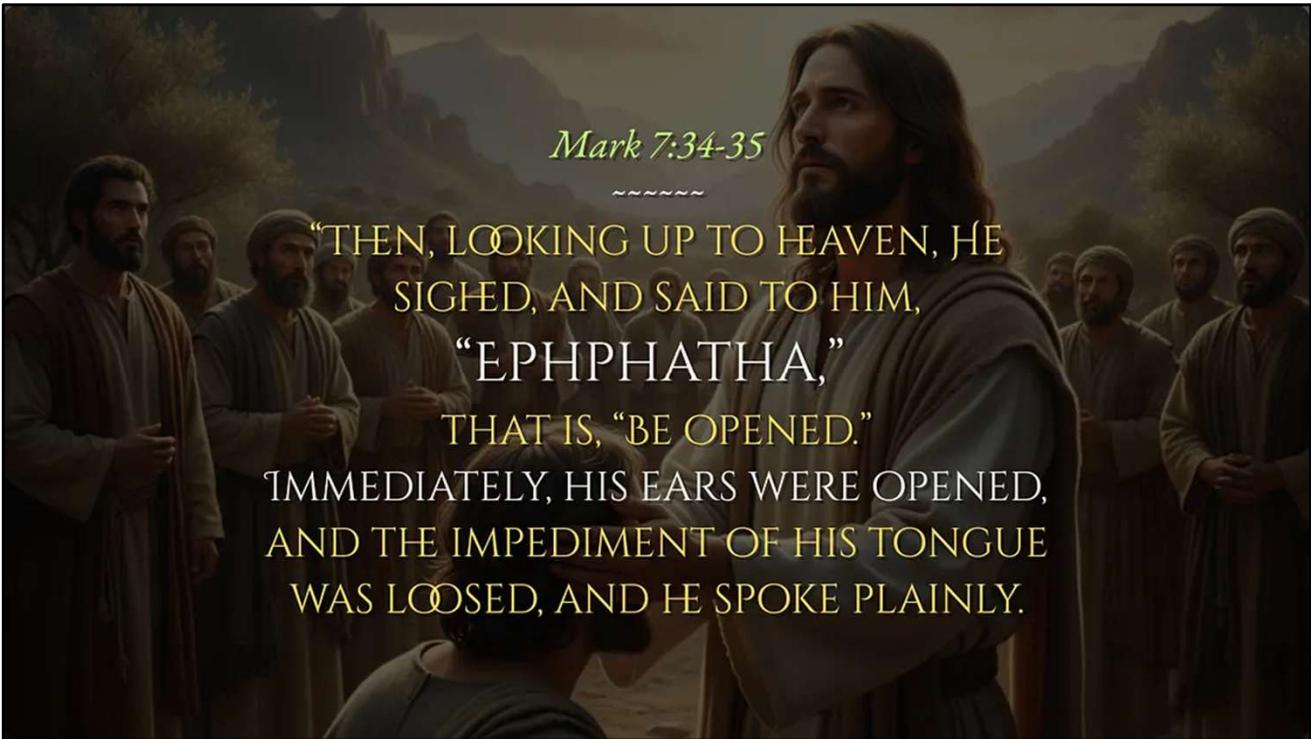
[2Ki 6:17 ESV] 17 Then Elisha prayed and said, "O LORD, please open his eyes that he may see." So the LORD opened the eyes of the young man, and he saw, and behold, the mountain was full of

horses and chariots of fire all around Elisha.

[Psa 119:18 ESV] 18 Open my eyes, that I may behold wondrous things out of your law.

[Jhn 10:21 ESV] 21 Others said, "These are not the words of one who is oppressed by a demon. Can a demon open the eyes of the blind?"

[Act 26:18 ESV] 18 to open their eyes, so that they may turn from darkness to light and from the power of Satan to God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins and a place among those who are sanctified by faith in me.'



*Mark 7:34-35*

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A baby's heart begins to beat around **22 days (3 weeks)** after fertilization. AiG

**5 Weeks:** The "heart" tube pulses about 110 times per minute, detectable by ultrasound.

**Weeks 5-8:** The embryo has a recognizable human form, with distinct limbs, facial features (eyes, ears), and internal organs like the liver and lungs taking shape.

**By Week 8:** The brain is complex enough for basic functions like thumb-sucking, yawning, and even left/right hand preference.

<https://www.zerotothree.org/resource/when-does-the-fetus-brain-begin-to-work/#:~:text=Here%20are%20some%20milestones%20in%20fetal%20brain,baby%20could%20potentially%20survive%20with%20medical%20support.>

It is eye-opening for some to realize that unborn children have detectable heartbeats at 18 days (two and one-half weeks) after conception and detectable brain-wave activity 40 days (a little over five and one-half weeks) after conception. What is so shocking is that essentially 100 percent of all abortions occur after the *seventh week* of pregnancy.

<https://insight.org/article/sanctity-of-life>

By nine weeks of life (11 weeks gestational age), a baby has ... **All the baby's major organs have formed**, AiG

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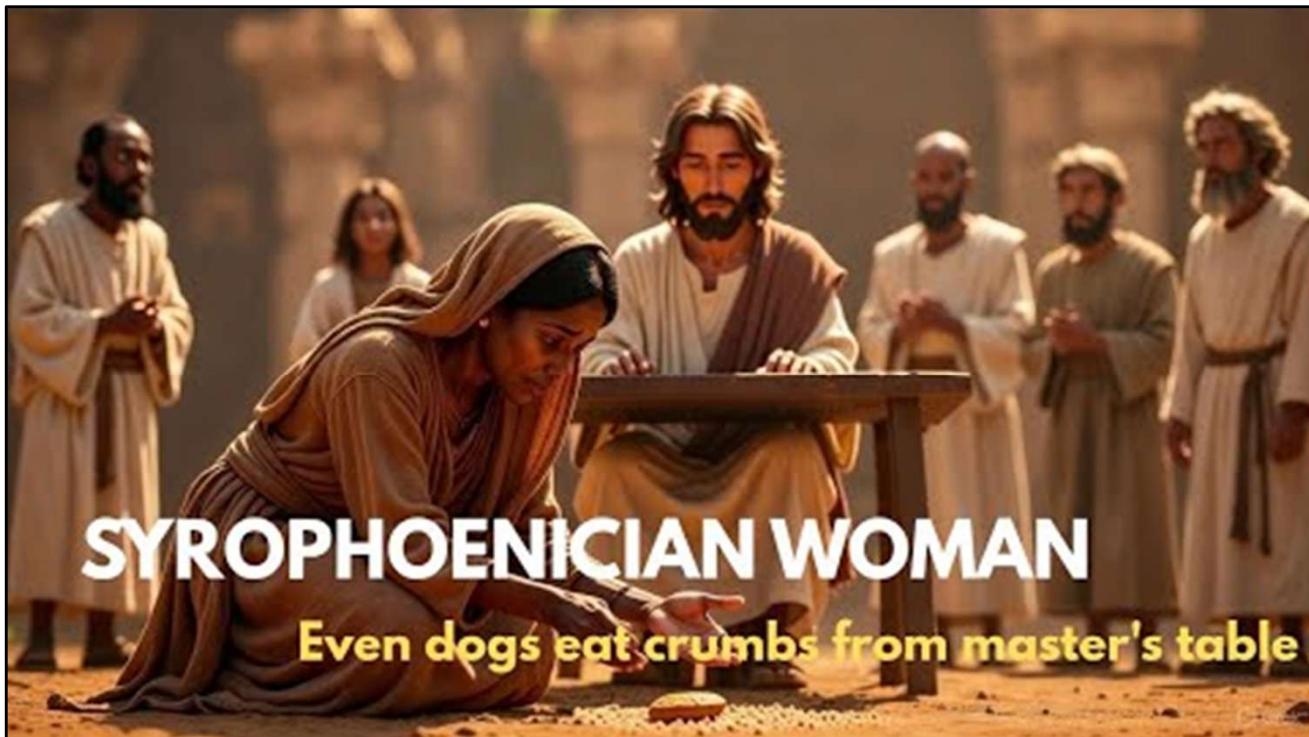
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**Ephphatha: that is, be opened, that you may profess the faith you hear, to the praise and glory of God.**

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## SYROPHOENICIAN WOMAN

**Even dogs eat crumbs from master's table**



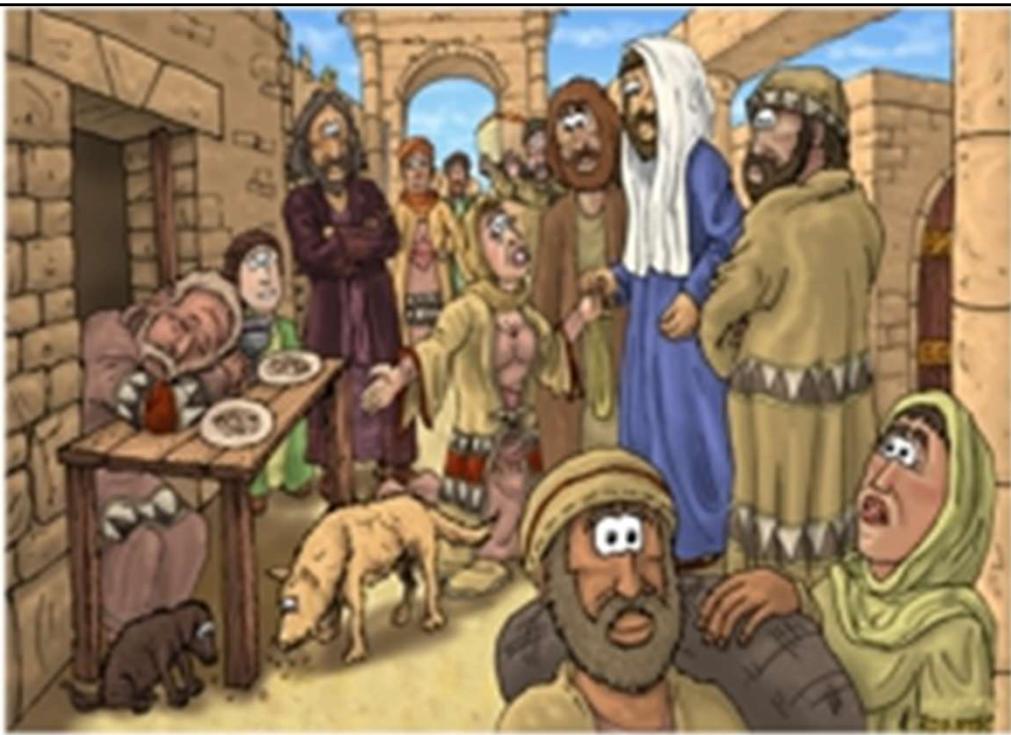




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# “Let the Children First Be Filled”

Mark 7:27 | Matthev 15:24-28



## ISRAEL'S PROPHETIC PROGRAM

- Children first – Israel had priority
- Jesus sent only to Israel (Matt. 15:24)
- Blessing came through covenant (Rom. 9:4-5)

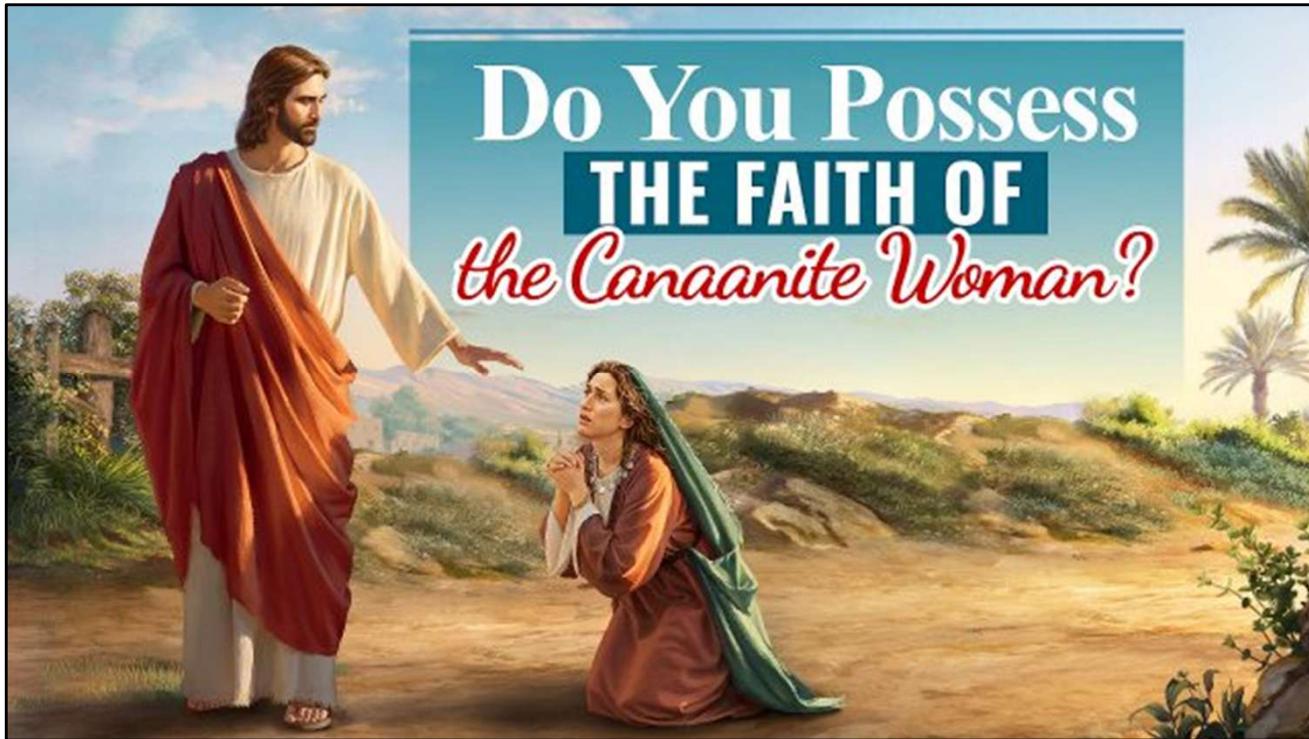
## TODAY'S GRACE PROGRAM

- Jew and Gentile both made nigh (Eph. 2:13)
- No more distinction – one Body (1 Cor. 12:13)
- Salvation by grace through faith alone (Eph. 2:8-9)

Don't settle for crumbs... Receive the riches of God's grace!

Trust the gospel: Christ died, was buried, and rose again (1 Cor. 15:3-4)

Understand the difference – rightly divide the Word of truth. ArWarayaEvangelista



# Do You Possess THE FAITH OF *the Canaanite Woman?*





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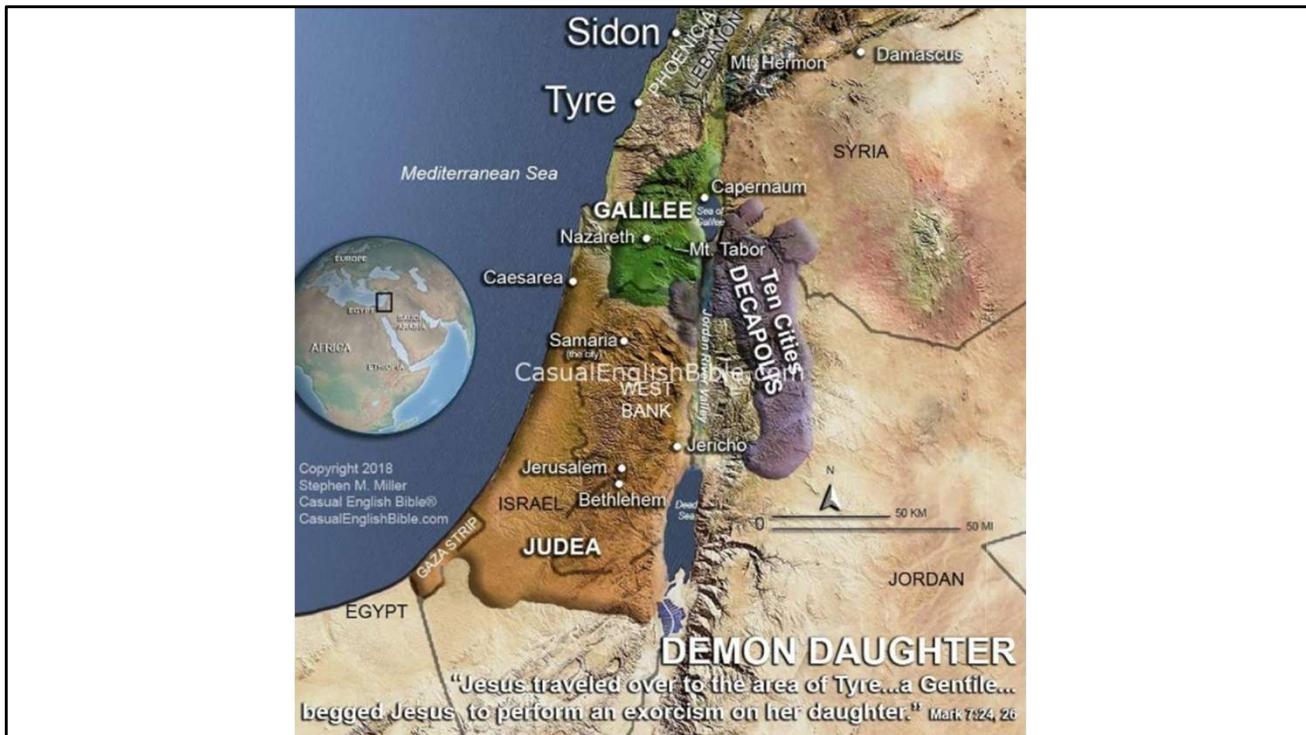


# When Jesus Said NO

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and what a desperate  
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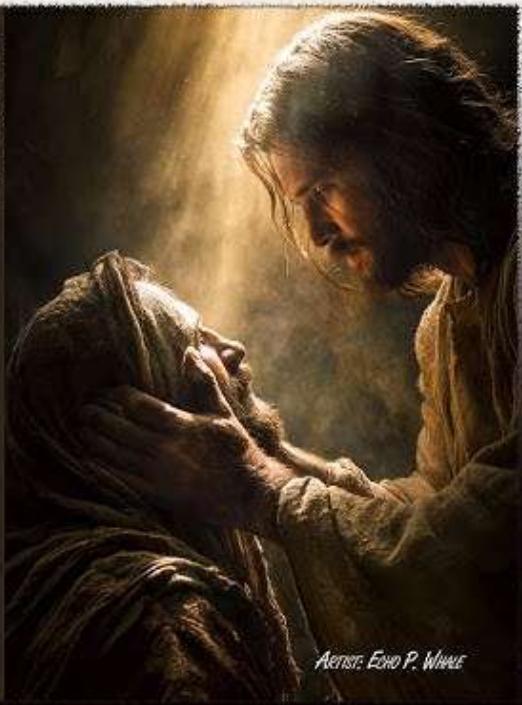
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## Was Jesus a Racist? Homosexual "Pastor" Says So

TikTok "pastor" Brandan Robertson calls out Jesus' supposed racism in line with LGBT activist thinking while ignoring basic biblical teaching about Christ's sinlessness.

# EPHPHATHA

THAT IS, BE OPENED...



Artist: Echo P. White



**“EPHPHATHA!”  
“BE OPENED!”**

*Mark 7:34*