

# Stories You Didn't Hear in Sunday School

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*Does Jesus Really Call a Woman a Dog?*

Matthew 15:21-28 NRSVUE

*Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, "Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon." But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, "Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us." He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel."*

- Matthew 15:21-28

*25 But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." He answered, "It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." Then Jesus answered her, "Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And her daughter was healed from that moment.*

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*Then the disciples approached and said to him,  
“Do you know that the Pharisees took offense  
when they heard what you said?”*

- Matthew 15:12



**ISRAEL AT THE TIME  
OF JESUS**  
1ST CENTURY AD



*Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, “Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon.”*

- Matthew 15:22



*But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, “Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us.”*

- Matthew 15:23

*He answered, "I was sent only to the  
lost sheep of the house of Israel."*

- Matthew 15:24

*He answered, "It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs."*

- Matthew 15:26





*She said, “Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters’ table.”*

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*Then Jesus answered her, “Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.”  
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Are we willing to be the dog?