

Jesus - the Answer for All Peoples

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Mark 7:24-30

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- Herod – feared Jesus was John the Baptist risen from the dead
- Pharisees – sought to rid themselves of Jesus ^{Mk3:6}

Jesus Goes North

- perhaps to get rest - Gentile territory
- Jesus' reputation precedes Him
- Gentile woman pursues Jesus ^{Mt15:22}
- Her daughter has a need – ignores customs

Mark's Unspoken Commentary

- Story placed against previous run-in with self-righteous, self-assured, self-aggrandizing Pharisees ^{Mk7:1-23}
- Consider even disciples who still are hard of heart ^{Mk6:45}
- True faith is often found in unlikely places & people

Is that a Compassionate Answer?

- Jesus' answer seems insulting ^{Mk7:27}
- Jesus uses unusual term for dog – much like 'house puppies'
- Jesus is not insulting her, but telling a parable!
- Israel First, then the world ^{Mk16:16-16}

A Profound Reply of Faith

- She answers with the parable! She understood it!
- She boldly asks for even the crumbs

Hear the Lesson

- God: seek Him boldly Prov 8:17
- Even Jesus is amazed at her faith ^{Mk7:29}
- Jesus heals her daughter
- This Gentile woman understood the Messiah's mission better than the Jews or the disciples!
- TWO WAYS TO FAIL TO LET JESUS BE YOUR SAVIOR:
 - By being too proud – I'm not too bad a sinner, I have some merit – I just need a little cleaning up.
 - By forgetting God's mercy – God is all powerful, merciful and gracious. If you say that you are too awful for God to accept then you are insulting God!
- The Gospel is that blessed reality that we can't save ourselves BUT God sent Jesus to be our Redeemer!

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