

JESUS ADMIRES THE FAITH OF A GENTILE WOMAN

Mark 7:24-30

Key Verse: 7:29

"Then he told her, `For such a reply, you may go; the demon has left your daughter.'"

STUDY QUESTIONS

1. Read verse 24. What was the place that Jesus left and why might he have left? Where is Tyre? What kind of people live there? Why did Jesus want to keep his presence a secret? Why could he not?
2. Read verse 25. Who was one of those who heard about him and came? What was her problem? Put yourself in the place of this woman for a moment. Think about how you might feel if your daughter was like this.
3. Read verse 26. How did this woman approach Jesus? What did she beg of Jesus? What difference might it make that she was a Syrophenician and not a Jew?
4. Read verse 27. How did Jesus test her faith and seek to plant faith in her? Why? What is the meaning of Jesus' words to her?
5. Read verse 28. How did the woman respond? What does her answer mean? What does this show about her? Her faith? Her love for her daughter?
6. Read verses 29-30. How did Jesus regard her reply? How did he bless her faith? What can we learn from this woman?