

JOURNEY TO THE CROSS

Part 1: God Has a Plan | Text: Mark 7:24-37

Mark 7:24, 25

What was in the _____ of God by sending Jesus to Phoenicia?

Mark 3:7-12 | Luke 6:17-19 | Ezekiel 26-28

- The woman is a Gentile, a pagan, a woman, and her daughter is possessed by a devil (Galatians 3:18)
- Religion would have nothing to do with her (Matthew 9:11)
- Comes bodily into the home (Hebrews 4:16)
- Disciples wanted to throw her out (Matthew 15:23)
- A picture of persistence, not rejection (Luke 18:6-8)

Matthew 9:11 (NLT) The Pharisees were indignant. "Why does your teacher eat with such scum?" they asked his disciples.

Luke 18:6-8 And the Lord said, "Listen to what the unjust judge says. And will not God bring about justice for his chosen ones, who cry out to him day and night? Will he keep putting them off? I tell you, he will see that they get justice, and quickly. However, when the son of Man comes, will he find faith on the earth?"

Mark 7:26, 27

I must remember that _____ the Lord does is for my _____ and those watching me.

- What is Jesus doing when He calls her a dog? (Revelation 22:15, Matthew 13:34)
- Jesus had to come to Israel first in order to fulfill the 39 books of the Old Testament that prophetically declared He was coming. (Matthew 2:15)
- After resurrection He told His Jewish disciples to go into all the world. (Matthew 28:18-20, Galatians 3:8)
- Jesus is showing that everything is done decently and in order. (1 Corinthians 14:33)

Matthew 13:34 Jesus spoke all these things to the crowd in parables; he did not say anything to them without using a parable.

Mark 7:28-30

She understood that she did not _____ to be at the table, but she knew that there was _____ on the table to take care of her needs.

- She did not get offended. (Matthew 11:6 [NKJV])
- She was asking for healing, not because of her rights, but because she had faith in the Lord's compassion to heal her daughter. (Luke 12:32)
- She received a revelation of the Lord's suffering, sufficiency and surplus. (Matthew 6:33)

Matthew 11:6 (NKJV) "And blessed is he who is not offended because of Me."

This is a picture of the Gentiles now being able to seek Him, refuse His mercy, or not be content with His methods. (Martin Luther)

Mark 7:31-37

Jesus is always able to meet us at our point of need.

Isaiah 35:3-7 | Luke 4:18-21 | John 11:25, 26

- The first part of the chapter is talking about what is unclean and Jesus uses these two situations to show what clean looks like. (Luke 7:9)
- Jesus is sensitive to our situation and cares about our needs. (John 10:11, 14)
- He displays that the curse is gone. (Proverbs 26:2)
- What do you desire to be done in your life? (Luke 18:41)

John 10:11 (NKJV) "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd gives His life for the sheep."

John 10:14 (NKJV) "I am the good shepherd; and I know My sheep, and am known by My own."

D12 Discipleship Discussion Questions

1. How does Jesus going to Tyre show the grace of God?
2. What is the application of the lady who was called a dog?
3. Read the Luke 18 scripture and talk about being persistent.
4. What is the principle demonstrated in Mark 7:31-37?

Prayer

Let's agree for hearts to be sensitive to the Easter message during this time of year.