

“Your Kingdom Come”

Mark 7:24-30 – A Kingdom for all who believe (Mark 7:1-8:21)

The journey into gentile lands (v.24)

Jesus left that place and went to the vicinity of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know it; yet he could not keep his presence secret.

The meeting with a gentile woman (v.25-26)

In fact, as soon as she heard about him, a woman whose little daughter was possessed by an impure spirit came and fell at his feet. The woman was a Greek, born in Syrian Phoenicia. She begged Jesus to drive the demon out of her daughter.

The bread of life for gentile hunger (v.27-30)

‘First let the children eat all they want,’ he told her, ‘for it is not right to take the children’s bread and toss it to the dogs.’

‘Lord,’ she replied, ‘even the dogs under the table eat the children’s crumbs.’

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

She went home and found her child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.

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The journey into gentile lands (v.24)

How do we understand both the human and spiritual reasons for Jesus now travelling outside of the Jewish areas into the gentile regions?

How will we learn to interpret *our lives* according to what God is doing – seeing spiritually, rather than just humanly?

The meeting with a gentile woman (v.25-26)

The gentile woman’s daughter was possessed by a demon.
Do you believe in the devil?

In what ways can Satan grip people’s lives today?

How can you both recognise his influence but also pray against it?

The bread of life for gentile hunger (v.27-30)

Jesus showed grace to a gentile woman – a non-Jew, an outsider – who needed his help.

- How will we reach those who are outside of natural connections with church, with the good news of Jesus?
- How intentional do you need to be to pray for and spend time with non-Christians?
- Will you pray for hard to reach people across the world, such as those in strongly Muslim-dominated countries?