

The Life of Jesus Christ

Lesson 11 – In Galilee And Beyond

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Healing of a daughter of a Canaanite woman
Matthew 15:21-28; Mark 7:24-30

Feeding of the Four Thousand
Matthew 15:29-39; Mark 7:31 - 8:10

Purity and Defilement

Matthew 15:1-21

“Therefore, if anyone cleanses himself from these things, he will be a vessel for honor ... useful to the Master.”
(2 Timothy 2:21)

“Let us cleanse ourselves from all defilement of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.” (2 Corinthians 7:1)

The necessity of the blood of Jesus to be cleansed!
(Hebrews 9:13-14; Ephesians 5:26)

1 John 1:6-9, *“... if we walk in the Light as He Himself is in the Light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say that we have no sin, we are deceiving ourselves and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.”*

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Matthew 15:21-28

“Jesus went away from there into the district of Tyre and Sidon.”

cf. Matthew 11:21-22; Luke 4:23-30; 6:17; Acts 21:1-7

Prophecy: Ezekiel 26:3-21

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Matthew 15:21-28

“A Canaanite woman from that region came out and began to cry out, saying, ‘Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is cruelly demon-possessed.’” (verse 22; cf. Luke 18:25-39)

Jesus does not respond but His disciples, as they *“implored Him saying, ‘Send her away, because she keeps shouting at us.’”* (verse 23)

- What does this woman’s address of Jesus say about her? (Mark 12:35; Matthew 9:27; 12:23)

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Jesus finally responds to the woman saying, *“I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.”* (verse 24; cf. Matthew 10:5-6; Acts 1:8; 3:26; 13:46; Romans 1:16; 2:9-10)

The woman’s response: *“She came and began to bow down before Him saying, ‘Lord, help me!’”* (verse 25)

- Accepted by Jesus. (Matthew 4:10; 8:2; 9:18)
- Do we see the desperate need for Jesus’ help as she did? (Hebrews 4:16; cf. Psalms 46:1; 109:26-27; 119:173; 145:17-18)

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Matthew 15:21-28

Jesus responded saying, *“It is not good to take the children’s bread and throw it to the dogs.”* (verse 26)

- An expression: (Matthew 7:6)
- Who is to receive the blessing of a meal first, the children or the family pet?
 - Jesus is simply speaking of the sequence of God’s divine plan. To the Jews first.
- Does Jesus know her heart?

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The woman then responds: *"Yes, Lord; but even the dogs feed on the crumbs which fall from their masters' table."* (verse 27)

- **"Yes"** – a "strong affirmation" ^(strong) "Yea, verily, even so" ^(vine) She agreed with Jesus.
- She yet persisted in her pursuit.
- Even if just the *"crumbs,"* she desperately wanted what only Jesus could provide.

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Jesus then observes and remarks: *"O woman, your faith is great; it shall be done for you as you wish."* (verse 28)

- Great faith! (Matthew 8:10; 9:22)
 - Recognizing the divine order of the Father, she believed Jesus could still grant this miracle.
- "Blessed is he who doesn't take offense at Me."*
(Luke 7:23, cf. John 6:61; Matthew 15:12)