

# SERMON NOTES

**Preacher:** Kevin Hardy

**Date:** October 27, 2024

**Text:** Mark 7:24-30

**Title:** His Mercy Is More

**Big Idea:** Only those who recognize who Jesus is, and who they are, will enter God's kingdom.



## I. A GENTILE MOTHER (vv. 24-26)

Jesus is pulling away again to recharge and to continue to pour into His disciples.

Just as Jesus has shown that no foods are unclean – He now demonstrates that no people are unclean either!

At this point we know:

- Where Jesus is
- A Gentile woman with a little daughter with an unclean spirit finds Him

And what does she want from Jesus?

- For him to cast out the demon from her daughter.

## II. A COMPASSIONATE LORD (vv. 27-30)

*“Let the children be fed first, for it is not right to take the children's bread and throw it to the dogs.” (v. 27)*

Three comparisons:

- bread/His message
- children/the Jewish people
- dogs/Gentiles

*“Let **the Jewish people** be fed first, for it is not right to take **the message/gospel/blessing** and throw it to the **Gentiles**.”*

The word Jesus uses means: little dogs/pets/puppies

He doesn't say that He is ONLY for the Jews, but for the Jews FIRST...

*“Yes, Lord; yet even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs.” (v. 28)*

She accepts that she has no right to have her daughter healed, but she asks nonetheless.

“She's not saying, ‘Lord, give me what I deserve on the basis of my goodness.’ She's saying, ‘Give me what I don't deserve on the basis of your goodness.’”<sup>1</sup>

---

<sup>1</sup> Keller, *King's Cross*, 88-89.

## APPLICATION QUESTIONS

*To be used for personal reflection and/or sermon-based small group discussion.*

[www.aplacetobelong.ca/LatestSermonResources](http://www.aplacetobelong.ca/LatestSermonResources)

### READ Mark 7:24-30

What sticks out to you from the passage in your initial reading? Share your observations about the text.

Share questions that you have about the text. Is there anything that is difficult to understand in the text, or a question you would like to ask the writer of the passage or the Lord?

Where is Christ in this passage? How does this passage relate to the person, nature, character or work of Christ? Luke 24:44 says all of Scripture is about Christ. So, how does this passage help you see more of who Christ is, what He has done, or allows you to love Him more?

Why do you think Jesus spoke as He did to this Gentile woman when she sought healing for her daughter? (v. 26-27)

What does the woman's reply to Jesus tell us about her attitude toward Him? (v. 28)

What was there about the attitude of the Gentile woman when she went to Jesus for help that you can apply to your prayer life? (v. 25-28)

Do you see any connection between Jesus' actions in this section (7:24-30) and His teaching in the previous section (7:1-23)? If so, explain.

Consider ways that this passage should point to something in your lives that needs to change, in light of the truth about God and the gospel that the passage is teaching.

### PRAY

