

Gospel Harmony Event # 66-67

Matthew 15:21-28; Mark 7:24-30

[Question #1] From there Jesus arose and departed to the region of Tyre and Sidon.

[Question #2] And He entered a house and wanted no one to know *it*, but He could not be hidden. For behold, a woman of Canaan whose young daughter had an unclean spirit heard about Him, and she came from that region and fell at His feet and cried out to Him, saying, "Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David! My daughter is severely demon-possessed." But He answered her not a word. The woman was a Greek, a Syro-Phoenician by birth, and she kept asking Him to cast the demon out of her daughter.

[Question #3] And His disciples came and urged Him, saying, "Send her away, for she cries out after us."

But He answered and said, "I was not sent except to the lost sheep of the house of Israel."

[Question #4] Then she came and worshiped Him, saying, "Lord, help me!"

But Jesus said to her, "Let the children be filled first, for it is not good to take the children's bread and throw *it* to the little dogs."

And she answered and said to Him, "Yes, Lord, yet even the little dogs under the table eat from the children's crumbs from their masters' table."

[Question #5] Then Jesus answered and said to her, "O woman, great *is* your faith! For this saying go your way; let it be to you as you desire, the demon has gone out of your daughter." And her daughter was healed from that very hour. And when she had come to her house, she found the demon gone out, and her daughter lying on the bed.

1. Is it significant that Jesus travelled to a Canaanite region? [Matthew 15:21; Mark 7:24]
2. Who was the Canaanite woman? Why did she come to Jesus? [Matthew 15:22-23; Mark 7:24-26]
3. Explain the saying, "I was not sent except to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." [Matthew 15:23-24]
4. Explain Jesus' parable and the woman's response. [Matthew 15:25-27; Mark 7:27-28]
5. Did Jesus change His mind about healing the woman's daughter? [Matthew 15:28; Mark 7:29-30]