

SERMON NOTES

Sermon Series: The Gospel of Mark

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Message: "Jesus and the Syrophenician"

Crossroads Christian Church

Text: Mark 7:24-30

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PRACTICAL | application to my life

1. Is there anything in your life right now that requires faithful determination and persistence?
2. Jesus gave us the "Great Commission" in Matthew 28:18-20 before He left this earth. Who does Jesus say we are to "go" to? Is there anyone He excludes?
 - Name someone in your life who needs Jesus. Are there any barriers you need to overcome in order to show them who He is?

PRAYER REQUESTS

COMING SOON

Family Movie Night: *The Jungle Book* | Thursday, Mar. 13 @ 6:30 p.m.



Enjoy an evening of laughter and fun with your Crossroads' family and favorite characters, Baloo and Mowgli, for the showing of *The Jungle Book*! Family Movie Night is a FREE event for you and your kids up to 6th grade in the Grand Hall. We'll have our concessions stand open for all your popcorn and candy needs!

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"JESUS AND THE SYROPHOENICIAN"

Mark 3:8

1. HER _____ . Mark 7:25-26

"God never wastes a crisis, passes on a problem, or misses an opportunity to turn a mess into a miracle."

She faced FOUR formidable FOES:

a. Her _____ was against her.

b. Her _____ was against her.

c. _____ was against her.

d. The _____ were against her.

2. HER _____ . Mark 7:27-28

She knew three things:

a. Her daughter had a _____

b. _____ had cast demons out of others

c. He was her only _____

John 6:37

3. HIS _____ . Mark 7:29-30

Galatians 3:28

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For the week of Mar. 2, 2014.

QUICK REVIEW

Looking back at your notes from this week's message, "Jesus & the Syrophenician" was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged or confused you?

HISTORICAL | getting to know me

1. Has there been a time you were desperate for help? To what extent did you go to get the help you needed?
2. Describe how it feels when you experience God's love, healing, forgiveness, or His working in your life.

BIBLICAL | digging deeper into the Bible

1. We learned Sunday that the Syrophenician woman faced four formidable foes. Jesus crossed those obstacles in order to reach her. In John 4, once again Jesus overcame several barriers to reach out to a woman. Read **John 4:1-26** and write down the similarities and differences you see between the woman at the well in John 4 and the Syrophenician woman in **Mark 7:24-30**.

Name some things that prevent us from being a bridge to others.

Is there anything on that list you struggle with? If so, how can our group help you overcome that obstacle?

2. In Jesus' day, most Jews looked down on Gentiles as second-class citizens – they even called them "dogs." How are some people looked down on or mistreated today because they're "different"?

What does the Bible say about God's heart toward people and how He views their "differences"?

- **GALATIANS 3:28**

- **ROMANS 2:11**

- **2 PETER 3:9**

How does **Philippians 2:3-4** describe the attitude we should have toward other people?

Jesus humbled himself so we could have a relationship with God (Philippians 2:5-11). How can we humble ourselves so we can help others have a relationship with God?

3. The Syrophenician woman was determined. In Matthew's account, Jesus said she had "great faith." Read the parable Jesus told in **Luke 18:1-8** and write down what you notice about how God responds to faithful determination and persistence.

Tell us about a time in your life when you gave up or threw in the towel too early? Why?