

***STUDIES
IN
MARK***



Lesson 25

Mark 7:24-37

REVIEW

In chapter 7:1-13 -

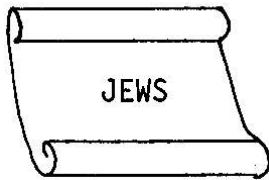
- 1) Jesus taught the people that they should listen to the commandments of _____ and not to _____
- 2) the commandments of _____, in spiritual things.

In chapter 7:14-23 -

- 1) Jesus taught that it is not what a man eats that makes him unclean before God, but _____
- 2) He said that which comes out of a man's mouth shows what he is like in his _____.

READ MARK 7:24-30

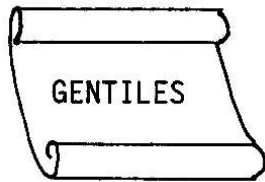
In today's lesson we need to know who the Jews are, and who the Gentiles are.



- 1) The Jews were specially chosen by God, ever since the time of Abraham. God still loves the Jews. They are a special race because God wanted them to let everybody know about Him. God uses the Jews.
 - a. Many writers of the Bible were Jews.
 - b. God chose a Jewish girl to be the mother of our Saviour.
 - c. Jesus was a Jew.
 - d. God gave the promised land to the Jews.
 - e. There are many prophecies in the Bible about the Jews.
 - f. God used the Jews to take care of the Bible for thousands of years so it would not be lost.

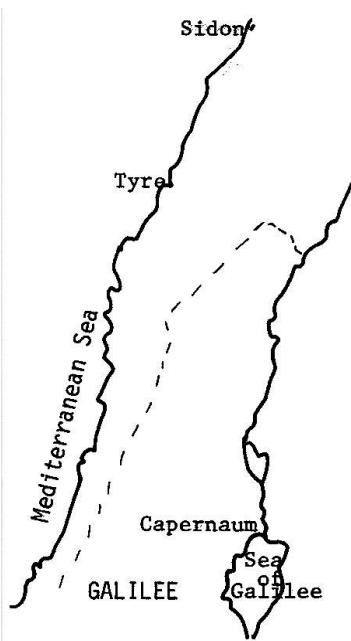
For all these reasons and more, the Jews got the idea that they were the only people in the world whom God loved. They hated all the other nations. They believed the Jews were the only ones who would go to heaven. They called other people dogs. This was not a nice name, because in those days dogs were wild and ran around, and

did not belong to anyone. Dogs were bad. The Jews thought other people did not belong to God like they did so they were bad too, like the wild dogs.



2) **The Gentiles** - All people who are not Jews are Gentiles. We are Gentiles if we are not Jews. The Jews did not like the Gentiles. They thought that God did not like them either. Jesus came to show that God loves everybody. When He died on the cross, He died for all the people in the world. (John 3:16)

The cities of Tyre and Sidon were in Gentile country.

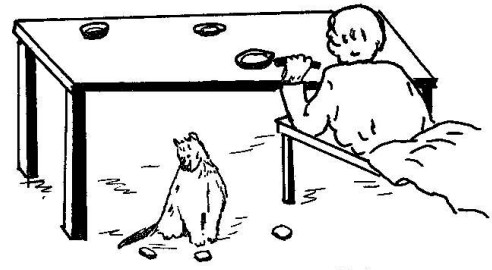


The city of Sidon was about 60 miles from Capernaum. Tyre was about 40 miles from Capernaum. Jesus could not find any place in Galilee or Judaea to be alone with His disciples to teach them many things. There always were crowds. But Jesus always knew what to do. He went to Gentile country. The Jews would not follow Him, because they did not like the Gentiles. Some Bible teachers say He was gone for about 8 months. The Bible does not say, so we cannot be sure how long Jesus was in Gentile country. When He came back He came the long way around to Decapolis.

1. Where did Jesus go when He and His disciples got to Tyre?
2. Who came with Him in verse 25?
3. Why did she come?
4. What was the first thing the woman did when she came to Jesus?
5. Verse 26 says, "The woman was a _____." That meant she was not a Jew, so she must have been a _____.
6. In verse 26, the woman prayed to Jesus. What did she ask Him to do for her?
7. Read verse 27. This seems like a strange answer for Jesus to give the woman.

Jesus talked about feeding the children. He also talked about feeding the dogs. In the language of the Jews there were two words for “dog.”

- 1) One word for a dog meant the wild dogs.
- 2) The other word meant the little pet dogs they kept in the house. The word Jesus used in verse 27 meant the little pet dogs. He did not call the Gentiles bad dogs like the Jews did.



In this verse, the “children” meant the Jews. The “dogs” meant the Gentiles.

The woman knew what He meant.

8. What did the woman call Jesus in verse 28?
9. How did she answer Jesus when He told her, “You do not throw the children’s food to the dogs?” (verse 28)
10. Note: A long time ago people did not use knives and forks and spoons to eat with. They ate with their fingers. When their fingers got grease and other food on them, they used to wipe their fingers on bread. Then they threw the bread under the table for the little dogs to eat. Jesus was talking about spiritual food. He said the children (the Jews) had to have the food (the Word of God) fed to

them first, before it was given to the little dogs (the Gentiles). The woman had much faith. She believed that if she could get even a few of the crumbs of the Gospel that the Jews were throwing away, it would be enough to save her daughter. Jesus was happy with her faith. He loved her as much as He loved the Jews. This was a lesson



for the disciples, who were Jews. They had to know that the Word of God was for everybody, not just for the Jews.

11. What did Jesus say to the woman that showed He loved her? (verse 29)
12. When the woman came home, what did she find had happened to her daughter? (verse 30)

THE DEAF AND DUMB MAN - Mark 7:31-37

1. Jesus had come back from Tyre and Sidon. Where was He when He did His next miracle? (verse 31)



2. In verse 32, they brought a man to Jesus. What things were wrong with the man?



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2)

3. What did they ask Jesus to do in verse 32?

4. What did Jesus do before He healed the man's tongue?

5. What did Jesus do to the man's ears in verse 33?

6. What medicine did Jesus use for the man's tongue?

7. Where did Jesus look before He did the miracle? (verse 34)

Why did He do that?

8. What did Jesus say to the man's ear and tongue? (verse 34)

9. What happened when Jesus said that? (verse 35) and

10. How soon did the ears and tongue obey?

11. How did the people feel when they saw this great miracle? (verse 37)

12. What two things did the people say to each other in verse 37?

1) He has

2) He makes and

13. What did Jesus tell the people in verse 36?

14. How well did they obey Him? (verse 36)

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