**Sermon Guide – Oct. 4, 2020 – KINdom: IN Development**

Mark 7:24-30, the New Living Translation.

**24**Then Jesus left Galilee and went north to the region of Tyre.[[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Mark+7%3A24-30&version=NLT#fen-NLT-24460a)] He didn’t want anyone to know which house he was staying in, but he couldn’t keep it a secret. **25**Right away a woman who had heard about him came and fell at his feet. Her little girl was possessed by an evil[[b](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Mark+7%3A24-30&version=NLT#fen-NLT-24461b)] spirit, **26**and she begged him to cast out the demon from her daughter.

Since she was a Gentile, born in Syrian Phoenicia, **27**Jesus told her, “First I should feed the children—my own family, the Jews.[[c](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Mark+7%3A24-30&version=NLT#fen-NLT-24463c)] It isn’t right to take food from the children and throw it to the dogs.”

**28**She replied, “That’s true, Lord, but even the dogs under the table are allowed to eat the scraps from the children’s plates.”

**29**“Good answer!” he said. “Now go home, for the demon has left your daughter.” **30**And when she arrived home, she found her little girl lying quietly in bed, and the demon was gone.

This woman crosses many boundaries to get Jesus’ attention. What boundaries can you name?

This passage is troublesome for many readers because Jesus seems rude to the woman by calling her a dog, in essence, addressing her with a racial slur. What do you make of that? How would you explain the interaction?

Some scholars say Jesus’ ministry to the Gentile population is expanded because of this interaction with the Syrophoenician woman. How does this passage relate to us today, perhaps challenging us to consider our ministries in a new light?

How would you say your faith is IN Development?