

CHAPTER 57

Jesus Cures a Girl and a Deaf Man

(Matthew 15:21-31) Leaving there, Jesus now went into the region of Tyre and Si'don. 22 And look! a Phoe-ni'cian woman from that region came and cried out: “Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David. My daughter is cruelly demon possessed.” 23 But he did not say a word in answer to her. So his disciples came and began to urge him: “Send her away, because she keeps crying out after us.” 24 He answered: “I was not sent to anyone except to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.” 25 But the woman came and did obeisance to him, saying: “Lord, help me!” 26 In answer he said: “It is not right to take the bread of the children and throw it to the little dogs.” 27 She said: “Yes, Lord, but really the little dogs do eat of the crumbs falling from the table of their masters.” 28 Then Jesus replied to her: “O woman, great is your faith; let it happen to you as you wish.” And her daughter was healed from that hour on. 29 Departing from there, Jesus next came near the Sea of Gal'i-lee, and after going up on the mountain, he was sitting there. 30 Then large crowds approached him, bringing along people who were lame, maimed, blind, speechless, and many others, and they laid them at his feet, and he cured them. 31 So the crowd felt amazement as they saw the speechless speaking and the maimed being made sound and the lame walking and the blind seeing, and they glorified the God of Israel.

(Mark 7:24-37) He rose up from there and went into the region of Tyre and Si'don. There he entered into a house and did not want anyone to know it, but he could not escape notice. 25 Immediately, a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit heard about him and came and fell down at his feet. 26 The woman was a Greek, a Sy-ro-phoe-ni'cian by

nationality; and she kept asking him to expel the demon from her daughter. 27 But he said to her: “First let the children be satisfied, for it is not right to take the bread of the children and throw it to the little dogs.” 28 But she replied to him: “Yes, sir, and yet even the little dogs underneath the table eat of the crumbs of the little children.” 29 At that he said to her: “Because you said this, go; the demon has gone out of your daughter.” 30 So she went away to her home and found the young child lying on the bed, and the demon was gone. 31 When Jesus returned from the region of Tyre, he went through Si'don to the Sea of Gal'i-lee, through the region of De-cap'o-lis. 32 Here they brought him a deaf man with a speech impediment, and they pleaded with him to lay his hand on him. 33 And he took him aside privately, away from the crowd. Then he put his fingers into the man's ears, and after spitting, he touched his tongue. 34 And looking up into heaven, he sighed deeply and said to him: “Eph'pha·tha,” that is, “Be opened.” 35 At this his ears were opened, and his speech impediment was removed, and he began speaking normally. 36 With that he ordered them not to tell anyone, but the more he would order them, the more they would proclaim it. 37 Indeed, they were astounded beyond measure, and they said: “He has done all things well. He even makes the deaf hear and the speechless speak.”

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(Matthew 15:22) And look! a Phoe-ni'cian woman from that region came and cried out: “Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David. My daughter is cruelly demon possessed.”

(Mark 7:26) The woman was a Greek, a Sy-ro-phoe-ni'cian by nationality; and she kept asking him to expel the demon from her daughter.

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(Matthew 15:23-25) But he did not say a word in answer to her. So his disciples came and began to urge him: “Send her away, because she keeps crying out after us.” 24 He answered: “I was not sent to anyone except to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.” 25 But the woman came and did obeisance to him, saying: “Lord, help me!”

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(Matthew 15:26) In answer he said: “It is not right to take the bread of the children and throw it to the little dogs.”

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(Matthew 15:27, 28) She said: “Yes, Lord, but really the little dogs do eat of the crumbs falling from the table of their masters.” 28 Then Jesus replied to her: “O woman, great is your faith; let it happen to you as you wish.” And her daughter was healed from that hour on.

(Mark 7:30) So she went away to her home and found the young child lying on the bed, and the demon was gone.

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(Mark 7:32-36) Here they brought him a deaf man with a speech impediment, and they pleaded with him to lay his hand on him. 33 And he took him aside privately, away from the crowd. Then he put his fingers into the man’s ears, and after spitting, he touched his tongue. 34 And looking up into heaven, he sighed deeply and said to him: “Eph’pha·tha,” that is, “Be opened.” 35 At this his ears were opened, and his speech impediment was removed, and he began speaking normally. 36 With that he ordered them not to tell anyone, but the more he would order them, the more they would proclaim it.

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(Mark 7:37) Indeed, they were astounded beyond measure, and they said: “He has done all things well. He even makes the deaf hear and the speechless speak.”

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◇Why does Jesus not immediately heal the Phoenician woman’s daughter?

◇After leaving the region of Phoenicia, where do Jesus and his disciples go?

◇How does Jesus show compassion when dealing with the man who is deaf and speechless?
