

jenaministries – Part 6 Bible Miracles

5. Even Dogs Get Scraps That Fall. Jesus Healed Possessed Daughter.

When Jesus came to Earth as a man, he came for God's chosen people of Israel only. He did not minister to the Gentiles, but only to the Jews. But still, he did have compassion for the Gentiles that came to him in faith.

There was a Canaanite woman who was a Greek (born in Syrian Phoenicia) who had a daughter that was suffering due to being possessed by a demon. We don't see that happen very much nowadays, but apparently it was much more common in biblical times.

The women probably knew that Jesus came only for the Jews which she was not. But she believed he could heal her daughter. When she heard Jesus was in the area, she had to prepare herself for Jesus rejecting her plead since she wasn't a Jew. I imagine she thought of every scenario of how Jesus may respond to her request and came up with a counter response. By the time she got to Jesus, she was prepared for whatever he was going to say or respond.

And he did indeed respond as expected (**Scriptures 1: Matthew 15:21-28 Mark 7:24-30**). First he just ignored her and acted like he didn't hear or see her. But she kept on pleading for Jesus to help her. She came and knelt down before him begging him to heal her daughter. Finally, Jesus responded by saying "It is not right to take the children's bread and toss it to the dogs."

We can read that today and think Jesus was being mean or cold to that woman, but he really wasn't. He wasn't calling her a dog or saying she was unimportant, but was just saying he had come for only the Jews.

But the woman was prepared and had a response ready. She said "Yes it is, Lord. Even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their master's table."

Jesus had compassion for her and realized she had great faith. He granted her request and healed her daughter at that moment.

Again, another miracle proving that if we have great faith in Jesus, anything can happen.

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Scriptures 1:

Matthew 15:21-28

Leaving that place, Jesus withdrew to the region of Tyre and Sidon. A Canaanite woman from that vicinity came to him, crying out, "Lord, Son of David, have mercy on me! My daughter is demon-possessed and suffering terribly." Jesus did not answer a word. So his disciples came to him and urged him, "Send her away, for she keeps crying out after us." He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of Israel." The woman came and knelt before him. "Lord, help me!" she said. He replied, "It is not right to take the children's bread and toss it to the dogs." "Yes it is, Lord," she said. "Even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their master's table." Then Jesus said to her, "Woman, you have great faith! Your request is granted." And her daughter was healed at that moment.

Mark 7:24-30

Jesus left that place and went to the vicinity of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know it; yet he could not keep his presence secret. In fact, as soon as she heard about him, a woman whose little daughter was possessed by an impure spirit came and fell at his feet. The woman was a Greek, born in Syrian Phoenicia. She begged Jesus to drive the demon out of her daughter. "First let the children eat all they want," he told her, "for it is not right to take the children's bread and toss it to the dogs." "Lord," she replied, "even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs." Then he told her, "For such a reply, you may go; the demon has left your daughter." She went home and found her child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.