

# The Gospel of Mark

## Lesson 17: Mark 7:24-37

### A woman from Tyre demonstrates her faith (vv. 24-30)

Matt. 15:21-28

- Mark may have placed this here as an illustration of the last section
- Tyre (in modern Lebanon) is about 35 miles from Capernaum
- Phoenicia was part of the Roman province of Syria
- It appears that Jesus is trying to get some long-needed rest
- Matthew has the woman continually crying out for help (15:23)

*Why does Jesus use the children/dogs imagery?*

*What is notable about the woman's response to Jesus?*

- This reference by someone to Jesus as Lord is the only one in Mark
- This is also the only time Mark records a distance miracle

### Jesus heals a deaf and mute man (vv. 31-37)

Matt. 15:29-31

- Critical scholars have had a hard time with Jesus' route of travel
- Mark uses a *hapax legomenon* to describe the man's speech impediment
  - The only other use of the word is in Isaiah 35:6 in the LXX

*Why might Mark use this particular word?*

- Jesus is very deliberate in taking the man aside and in His actions

*What might be Jesus' reason(s) for interacting with the man in this manner?*

- The man can hear and speak clearly after Jesus' touch
- Again, the people ignore Jesus' direction to keep quiet
- The people are thrilled "above measure"
  - This man seems to be of great value to the crowd
  - His sad condition could also have led them to think he cannot be healed

*How does Jesus' miracle differ from the actions of modern faith healers?*