

WELCOME!

Men's Fellowship Breakfast

January 3, 2020



Message and Structure of Mark:

The Gospel of Mark shows us how to serve and suffer like our Savior.

I. Jesus came to serve (Mark 1-11).

II. Jesus came to suffer (Mark 12-16).

Mark 10:45

“For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many.”



#14: “Dog Food, Deafness, and Discipleship”

Mark 7:24-37

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Context for Mark 7:24-37



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- Mark 6:30-7:37 = **Cycle #1** of His lesson to His disciples.
- Mark 8:1-30 = **Cycle #2** ... because they were slow to learn.



Outline of Mark 7:24-37

- 1) Miracle #1: A Dog is Fed, A Demon Flees (7:24-30)**
- 2) Miracle #2: Deaf Ears Opened, A Tongue is Freed (7:31-34)**



Miracle #1: A Dog is Fed, A Demon Flees (7:24-30)



- **Tyre and Sidon** = two major cities in the ancient region of **Phoenicia**, part of Roman province of **Syria**, north of Israel/Palestine.
- This marks Jesus' first departure from Israel/Palestine.

Miracle #1: A Dog is Fed, A Demon Flees (7:24-30)

Dogs ... “is thus not a derogatory term per se, but is instead intended by Jesus to indicate the privileged position of the Jews (especially his disciples) as the initial recipients of Jesus’ ministry. The woman’s response of faith and her willingness to accept whatever Jesus would offer pleased him to such an extent that he granted her request. This is the only miracle mentioned in Mark that Jesus performed at a distance without ever having seen the afflicted person, or issuing some sort of audible command.”

- NET Bible Study Note

Miracle #1: A Dog is Fed, A Demon Flees (7:24-30)

Romans 1:16

For I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes: first to the Jew, then to the Gentile.

Miracle #1: A Dog is Fed, A Demon Flees (7:24-30)

Genesis 12:1-3

Now the LORD said to Abram, “Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.”

Miracle #1: A Dog is Fed; A Demon Flees (7:24-30)

Revelation 7:9-10

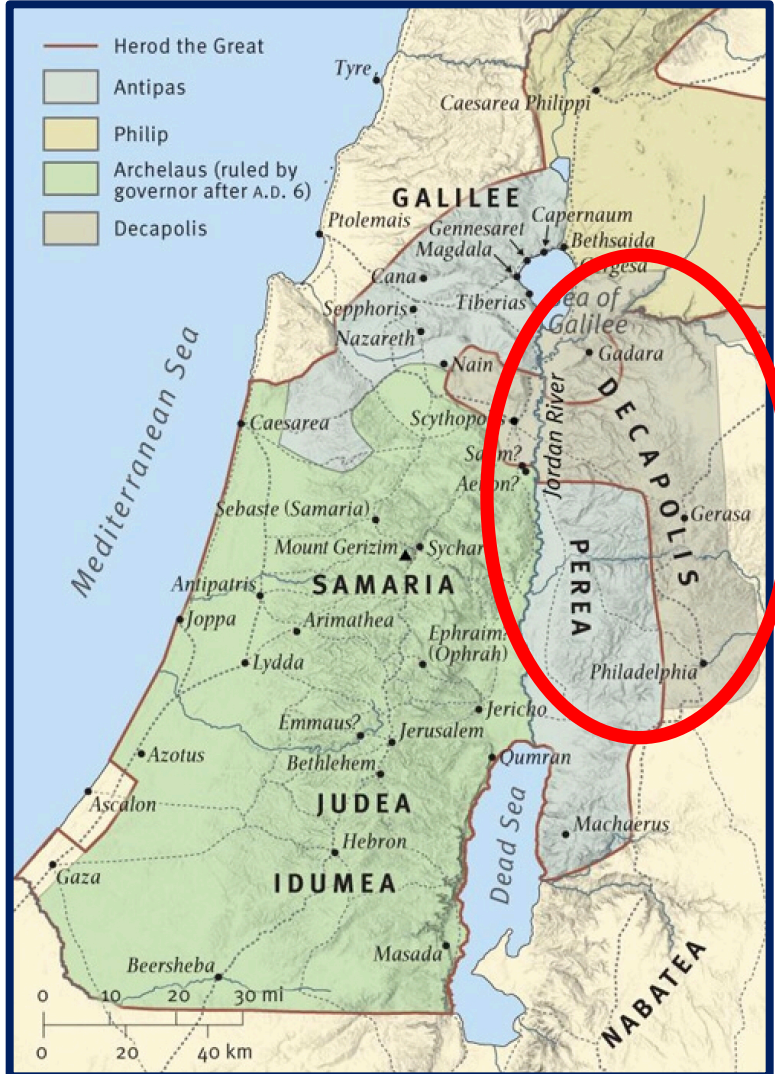
After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, and crying out with a loud voice, “Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!”

Miracle #1: A Dog is Fed; A Demon Flees (7:24-30)

Key Idea:

Christ's salvation is for *all people* and *all people* are *undeserving* of it.

Miracle #2: Deaf Ears Opened; A Tongue is Freed (7:31-37)



- **Decapolis = “Ten Cities”**
- Jesus has been here before (*Mark 5:1-20*).
- This area was defined by its Greek culture, language, and religion.

Miracle #2: Deaf Ears Opened; A Tongue is Freed (7:31-37)

“The laying on of hands would of itself have been sufficiently efficacious, and even, without moving a finger, he might have accomplished it by a single act of his will; but it is evident that he made abundant use of outward signs, when they were found to be advantageous. Thus, by touching the tongue with spittle, he intended to point out that the faculty of speech was communicated by himself alone; and by putting his fingers into the ears, he showed that it belonged to his office to pierce the ears of the deaf.”

- **John Calvin, *Institutes of the Christian Religion*, 2:271-72**

Miracle #2: Deaf Ears Opened; A Tongue is Freed (7:31-37)

Isaiah 35:5-6

Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and **the ears of the deaf unstopped**; then shall the lame man leap like a deer, and **the tongue of the mute sing** for joy. For waters break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert;

Miracle #2: Deaf Ears Opened; A Tongue is Freed (7:31-37)

Mark 4:9

And he said, “He who has ears to hear, let him hear.”

Mark 4:23

“If anyone has ears to hear, let him hear.”

Miracle #2: Deaf Ears Opened; A Tongue is Freed (7:31-37)

Key Idea:

Jesus Christ's methods are *unconventional*.

Application of Mark 7:24-37

The resurrected Christ appears in *unexpected places* and does *unexpected things*.

Mark 7:24-37

“Dog Food, Deafness, and Discipleship”

The Gospel of Mark shows us how to
serve and *suffer* like our Savior.

Next Week: Mark 8:1-26



Application Questions

- 1) As you look ahead to 2020, where are you hoping that Jesus Christ will show up?**
- 2) What are you hoping that He will do?**
- 3) Do you believe He can do it?**



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