

Jesus heals a little girl

Mark 7:24–30

Crowds gathered wherever Jesus went. So Jesus traveled outside Jewish territory to the region of Tyre. He stayed in a house and hoped that no one would know he was there. But he could not escape attention for long.

Soon a woman whose daughter was sick came to Jesus. She was Syrophenician—a Gentile, not a Jew. She knelt down at Jesus' feet and begged him to heal her little girl.

At first Jesus did not say yes. Instead he said to the woman, "The children should be fed first. It isn't fair to take their food and throw it to the dogs."

The woman understood what that meant. Jesus was saying that his job was to heal his own kind of people, the Jews.

But the woman did not give up. She said, "Sir, even dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs."

Jesus told the woman, "Because you have said this, you may go. Your daughter has been healed."

When the woman got home, she found her daughter resting on her bed. She was well again!