

The Lord Who Delivers, Heals and Provides

February 6, 2022



Open: Are there any needs in your life that you tend to not bring to God? Why is this?

Read & Discuss: Mark 7:24-30

1. From Mark's description of this woman, what does he want us to know about her? What was Jesus' point with the parable about the children's bread and the dogs (v. 27)?
2. How would you describe the woman's disposition in her conversation with Jesus? What can we learn from this example about approaching Jesus with our needs?
3. What are some reasons people today might not feel worthy of Christ's attention? What are some reasons we might not think *others* are worthy of Christ's attention? How does Mark's report of this woman's encounter with Jesus challenge us regarding whom Jesus may help?

Read & Discuss: Mark 8:1-9

4. How do Mark's reports of Jesus' ministry from Mark 7:24-8:9 connect with one another to carry a unified message? (*Skim Mark 7:31-37 to help you answer.*)
5. What do we learn about Jesus in verses 1-3? How are the actions of the disciples in verse 4 surprising given their history with Jesus? How are our interactions with Jesus often surprising given our past interactions with Jesus?
6. In this account, Jesus is showing compassion to Gentiles. Is there something we can learn from God's extension of grace toward the Gentiles that impacts how we view him today?
7. Looking at these three accounts, what are we meant to conclude about Jesus? What happens if we view Jesus as being different today than he was at that time? Should our expectations of Jesus today differ from what we see in Mark 7:24-8:9? Explain.

Apply: How should our conclusions about Jesus as drawn from these passages affect our daily lives? What specific opportunities do you have to apply these truths this week?

Pray: Ask God to open the eyes of those who do not yet know him so they see him as a loving Savior who can deliver, heal and provide.

Mark 7:24-30

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Mark 7:31-37

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Mark 8:1-9

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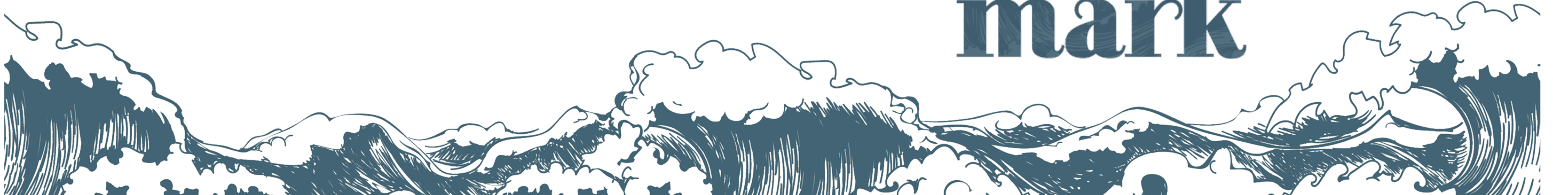
WHO IS JESUS?

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