

Study QUESTIONS

Ep. 1183: Who Successfully Challenged Jesus?

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1. Who challenged Jesus before he interacted with the Syrophoenician woman? Why did the challenge fail and what was the result? (See Matthew 15:1-14)
2. Who were the Phoenicians? What was the context surrounding Jesus' meeting with the Syrophoenician woman? (See Isaiah 23:11, Matthew 15:21, Mark 7:24)
3. What was the foundation for the woman's challenge? How did she address Jesus? Why is this important? (See Matthew 15:22, Mark 7:25-26, Luke 1:32)
4. How did Jesus initially respond to the woman's pleas? Why did he respond in this manner? (See Matthew 8:29, 9:27, 15:23-26, Mark 7:27)
5. What does the Greek word translated as "dog" in Jesus' response mean? What does this teach about the meaning behind his words? (See Matthew 15:26, Mark 7:27)
6. What was the purpose of Jesus' earthly ministry? How did his mission change after his death and resurrection? What was his response to the handful of non-Jewish people he interacted with during his earthly ministry? What was needed for a Gentile to be helped by Jesus? (See Matthew 10:5-6, Matthew 8:8-12, 28-34, Luke 17:12-19, John 4:5-42, Acts 1:8)
7. When Jesus said he had been sent only to the house of Israel, what was the woman's response? What does this show about her character? (See Matthew 15:27, Mark 7:28)
8. What was the result of the Syphoenician woman's challenge? How does her response show her deep faith in Jesus? (See Matthew 15:28, Mark 7:29-30)
9. How can we apply the example set by the Syrophoenician woman to our experiences with severe distress? (See Matthew 11:28-29, Philippians 3:13-14, 2 Timothy 2:3-6, 15, 1 Peter 5:6-7)