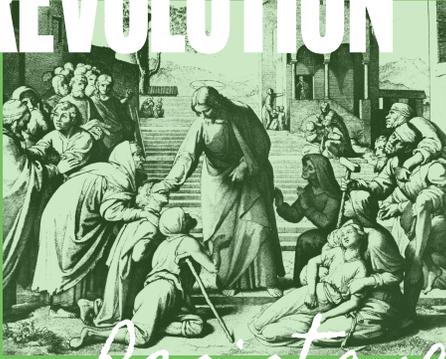


REVOLUTION



Resistance

Categories

Mark 7:24-30

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SERMON NOTES

This happens to all of us. It doesn't matter who you are or how mature you've grown. It happens to all of us. And somewhere along the way, we start forming categories in our minds.

I. An Unexpected Outsider (vv. 24–26)

Mark intends us to see that this woman has everything working against her:

- She's a woman in a male-dominated culture
- She's a Gentile - Jews did not interact with Gentiles for various reasons.
- She's from Syro-Phoenicia—a region tied to Israel's enemies and pagan worship
- Her daughter is demon-possessed

There are no prerequisites to come to Jesus.

II. An Unmistakable Faith (vv. 27–28)

Jesus has asked this question not to demean this woman, but to test her heart.

III. An Unbelievable Response (vv. 29–30)

Questions to Consider

- Will you see people the way your culture tells you to, or the way Jesus does?
- Will you keep your distance, or will you move toward them in love and compassion?
- Will you use your political position as an excuse to live as the world lives?
- Or will you believe that even the crumbs of God's grace are enough to change anyone?