

Salvation is for all mankind; Jews and Gentiles alike! This was a revolutionary thought for the first-century Christians. The nation of Israel had failed miserably when it came to being a blessing to the nations. Instead they looked on outsiders as heathen destined only for eternal judgment. In this portion of Mark it's "Training Day." An intense lesson on what true faith looks like. What's most shocking is God used an idol worshiping, Gentile woman and her demon-possessed daughter to teach the lesson.

Rev. 5:9 ***"You were slain, and purchased for God with Your blood men from every tribe and tongue and people and nation."***

A Leadership Retreat

A Passionate Request

Jesus's Reply

The Lesson: Salvation is for _____

Who is acceptable to God?

Personal Application and Interaction

1. This woman demonstrated persistent faith. Please share a time when you have seen or shown persistent faith displayed.
2. God has always intended the message of salvation to reach the whole world. The nation of Israel did not succeed but, generally speaking, looked down on those who were “pagan.” In what ways is the church today guilty of the same thing?
3. In Matthew 15:23, “His disciples came and implored Him, saying, ‘Send her away, because she keeps shouting at us.’ ” What was wrong with this request and how is this request made in today’s society? In today’s churches?
4. True faith sets its hope in the one true God (see Heb. 11:1, 6) and fixes its “eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of faith” (Heb. 12:2). In what ways do you struggle with setting your hope in God?



Training Day

Mark 7:24-30

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