

No Exclusions from the Kingdom of God

MK 7:24-30 // MT 15:21-28; ACTS 10:34-43; ROM 2:6-11, 29; 3:28-30; 10:3-4; JAS 2:1-13

INTRODUCTION:

“Thus, he declared all _____ clean.” (MK 7:19)

Peter’s vision of the sheet (ACT 10)

v28 “God has shown me that I should not call any _____ common or unclean.”



✪ What God calls “clean”, we cannot call “common”; God shows no _____. (i.e., *There are no exclusions from the kingdom of God.*)

1. Jesus walked away from the _____ with the Pharisees. (24)
 - a. He went (intentionally) to a _____ place.
 - b. He found welcome within a _____. (cp. 6:7-13)
 - c. Although he did not want anyone to know where he had gone, he could not remain _____. (cp. 4:21-25)
2. A desperate woman found him and pleaded for the _____ of her daughter. (25-26)
 - a. She had a “crescendo of _____”. (JR Edwards)
 - b. She heard of him and came, seeking a _____.
 - c. She fell at his feet and begged for Jesus’ _____.
3. Jesus engaged her in _____. (27-29) (cp. JN 4:1-45 -- another “unclean” woman)
 - a. JESUS: “I am focused on _____ the Jews first.” (MT 15:23; ACTS 10:34-43; ROM 2:6-11, 29; 3:28-30; JAS 2:1-13)
 - b. WOMAN: “I understand, but I am only asking for the _____ of your power.” (MK 5:28)
 - c. JESUS: “You are a woman of _____ faith.” (MT 15:28)
4. Jesus cast out the demon _____. (29)

CONCLUSION:

- Offer the gospel of Jesus to _____ who will listen.
- Show no _____ in your faith.
- Pray with them about their _____ concerns.
- In honest conversation, listen for roots, shoots, and fruits of _____.

- Celebrate the _____ victories with them.