



**Module: BI 206 Lecture 5 - Al Baker, Ph.D.**  
**STUDIES IN THE SYNOPTIC GOSPELS**

# **Jesus Calls the Disciples and Heals the Canaanite Woman**

**Mark 6** (169 words)

Then Jesus went around teaching from village to village.

7 **Calling the Twelve to Him..**

**he began to send them out two by two** and **gave them authority over impure spirits.**

8 These were his instructions: **"Take nothing for the journey except a staff—no bread, no bag, no money in your belts. 9 Wear sandals but not an extra shirt.** [v9 in Matthew]

**Matthew 10** (281 words)

**Jesus called his twelve disciples to Him...**

**and gave them authority to drive out impure spirits and to heal every disease and sickness.**

2 These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon (who is called Peter) and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee, and his brother John; 3 Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; 4 Simon the Zealot and Judas Iscariot, who betrayed him.

5 These twelve **Jesus sent out** with the following instructions:

**"Do not go among the Gentiles or enter any town of the Samaritans.**

**6 Go rather to the lost sheep of Israel.**

7 As you go, proclaim this message: 'The kingdom of heaven has come near.'

8 Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse those who have leprosy, drive out demons. Freely you have received; freely give.

**Luke 9** (112 words)

**When Jesus had called the Twelve together...**

**he gave them power and authority to drive out all demons and to cure diseases...**

2 and **he sent them out** to proclaim the kingdom of God and **to heal the sick.**

3 He told them: **"Take nothing for the journey—no staff, no bag, no bread, no money, no extra shirt.** [v9 in Matthew]

[ Notice Matthew has Jesus say, **"Do not go among Gentiles...Go only to the lost sheep of Israel."**

Luke's gospel puts a focus on Jesus reaching out to the Gentiles...so he does not include this saying.

This stands in contrast to **Luke 9:51** where he specifically sends some of the men into a Samaritan village.

<p>10 Whenever you enter a house, stay there until you leave that town.</p> <p>11 And if any place will not welcome you or listen to you, leave that place and <b>shake the dust off your feet</b> as a testimony against them.”</p> <p>12 They went out and preached that people should repent. 13 They drove out many demons and anointed many sick people with oil and healed them.</p>	<p>9 “Do not get any gold or silver or copper to take with you in your belts— 10 no bag for the journey or extra shirt or sandals or a staff, for the worker is worth his keep.</p> <p>11 Whatever town or village you enter, search there for some worthy person and stay at their house until you leave. 12 As you enter the home, give it your greeting. 13 If the home is deserving, let your peace rest on it; if it is not, let your peace return to you.</p> <p>14 If anyone will not welcome you or listen to your words, leave that home or town and <b>shake the dust off your feet.</b></p> <p>15 Truly I tell you, it will be more bearable for Sodom and Gomorrah on the day of judgment than for that town.</p>	<p>When they do not welcome the men James and John want to call down fire and get rebuked by Jesus. Remember the meta-message of Luke is that Jesus came for Gentiles...and Romans.]</p> <p>4 Whatever house you enter, there until you leave that town.</p> <p>5 If people do not welcome you, leave their town and <b>shake the dust off your feet</b> as a testimony against them.”</p> <p>6 So they set out and went from village to village, proclaiming the good news and healing people everywhere. [Mk 6:56]</p>
<p><b>Mark 6 Ending:</b>  Story of John the Baptist getting killed by Herod, v14-29  Feeding the 5,000 (v30-44)  Walking on the water, v45-56</p> <p>56 And wherever he went—into villages, towns or countryside—they placed the sick in the marketplaces. They begged him to let them touch even the edge of his cloak, and all who touched it were healed. [see Lk 9:6]</p>	<p><b>Matthew 11</b>  John the Baptist sends his disciples to ask Jesus IF He is the Messiah.</p> <p>Jesus utters "woes" to the unrepentant towns.</p> <p><b>Matthew 12</b>  Disciples eat grain on the Sabbath - Jesus, Lord of the Sabbath.  Healing of demoniac</p> <p><b>Matthew 13</b>  Parable of the Sower  5-6 other parables</p>	

**The Canaanite Woman**  
**Mark 7** (156 words)

24 Jesus left that place and went to the vicinity of Tyre. **He entered a house and did not want anyone to know it;** yet he could not keep his presence secret.

25 In fact, as soon as she heard about him, a woman whose little daughter was possessed by an impure spirit came and fell at his feet.

26 **The woman was a Greek, born in Syrian Phoenicia.**

She begged Jesus to drive the demon out of her daughter.

27 "First let the children eat all they want," he told her, **"for it is not right to take the children's bread and toss it to the dogs."**

28 "Lord," she replied, **"even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs."**

**Matthew 14**

John the Baptist killed  
Feeding the 5,000  
Jesus walks on water

**The Canaanite Woman**  
**Matthew 15** (152 words)

21 Leaving that place, Jesus withdrew to the region of Tyre and Sidon.

22 **A Canaanite woman from that vicinity came to him,**

crying out, "Lord, Son of David, have mercy on me! My daughter is demon-possessed and suffering terribly."

23 **Jesus did not answer a word. So his disciples came to him and urged him, "Send her away, for she keeps crying out after us."**

24 He answered, **"I was sent only to the lost sheep of Israel."**

25 The woman came and knelt before him. "Lord, help me!" she said.

26 He replied, **"It is not right to take the children's bread and toss it to the dogs."**

27 "Yes it is, Lord," she said. **"Even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their master's table."**

**The Canaanite Woman**

[ This story does not appear in Luke's account even though Jesus is ministering to a Gentile.

**WHY does Luke leave this story out?**

Notice that in Mark's account Jesus enters a home (v24) in a Gentile region (earlier he had told the disciples in Matthew's account NOT to do that).

Matthew does not have Jesus entering into a house – [these are small details...and may not mean anything... but we need to ask the right questions.]

v24 restates that Jesus is only there for the **"lost sheep of Israel."**

But the woman simply finds Him.

AGAIN...Luke has apparently left this story out of his account.

**WHY?**

Could it be that Luke does not want his Gentile audience to read the harsh words of Jesus to this woman?

29 Then he told her, “For such a reply, you may go; the demon has left your daughter.”

30 She went home and found her child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.

28 Then Jesus said to her, “Woman, you have great faith! Your request is granted.”

And her daughter was healed at that moment.

But he could simply have the story...THEN leave that saying out.

We see Matthew **ADDING** to his story in the previous passage.

So this is an example of a gospel writer making an editorial decision to leave something out. ]