

Mark 7:26

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

The woman was a Greek, a Syrophenician by nation; and she besought him that he would cast forth the devil out of her daughter.

Analysis

Mark 7:26 This passage continues Mark's fast-paced narrative demonstrating Jesus' divine authority, miraculous power, and confrontation with religious establishment. The theological themes include Christ's deity, sacrificial mission, call to discipleship, and inauguration of God's kingdom. Reformed interpretation emphasizes sovereign grace, substitutionary atonement, and transformation through regeneration.

Historical Context

First-century Palestinian Jewish context under Roman occupation shapes the narrative. Archaeological discoveries confirm Gospel accounts' historical accuracy. Ancient sources (Josephus, Tacitus) corroborate biblical timeline and cultural details. Early church fathers interpreted these Christologically, seeing Old Testament fulfillment and New Covenant establishment.

Related Passages

Genesis 1:1 — Creation of heavens and earth

Colossians 1:16 — All things created through Christ

Study Questions

1. How does this verse reveal Christ's person and work in redemptive history?
2. What transformation should this truth produce in your thinking, affections, and behavior?

Interlinear Text

ἦν δὲ ἡ γυνὴ Ἑλληνίς Συροφονίσσα τῷ γένει·
was G1161 G3588 **The woman** G1135 **a Greek** G1674 **a Syrophenician** G4949 G3588 **by nation** G1085

καὶ ἠρώτα αὐτῆς ἵνα τὸ δαιμόνιον ἐκβάλλῃ
and G2532 **she besought** G2065 **him** G846 **that** G2443 G3588 **the devil** G1140 **he would cast forth** G1544

ἐκ τῆς θυγατρὸς αὐτῆς
out of G1537 G3588 **daughter** G2364 **him** G846

Additional Cross-References

Matthew 15:22 (Evil): And, behold, a woman of Canaan came out of the same coasts, and cried unto him, saying, Have mercy on me, O Lord, thou Son of David; my daughter is grievously vexed with a devil.

Isaiah 49:12 (Parallel theme): Behold, these shall come from far: and, lo, these from the north and from the west; and these from the land of Sinim.