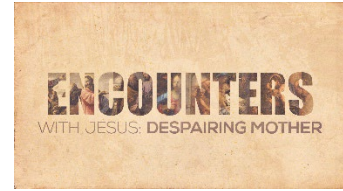


Encounters with Jesus

# Despairing Mother

Matthew 15:21-28

Pastor Chris Lenhart - 1/19/25



## Opening Thought Questions:

What can we learn about the nature of Jesus' ministry through one encounter with a despairing mother?

## Crossing Boundaries (21-22)

Situate this encounter in the broader context of Matthew.

1-9 -

10-20 -

## Ministry Resisted (23-24)

## Faith Persisting (25-27)

## Faith Rewarded (28)

Situate this encounter in the broader context of Matthew.

29-31 -

32-39 -

**Next Week: Encounters with Jesus – Weary Laborer (Luke 5:2-11)**

## Further Study

Mk. 7:24-30  
Matt. 15:1-20  
Matt. 15:29-39

Matt. 10:5-6  
Jn. 2:24-25

Matt. 15:18

Matt. 28:19-20

Matt. 14:13-21

Follow along with today's sermon using your smartphone. Download the "CMBC" app (search for "Calvary Monument" in your app store) and click on "Sundays" at the bottom of the screen.

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<p>Get together as a family or with a friend or group of friends this week!</p> <p>Start with <u>Prayer</u> -ask Jesus to guide our time together. Go over prayer requests together.</p> <p><b><u>Read the Text</u></b> - Matthew 15:21-28</p> <p><b><u>Questions for Reflection &amp; Discussion:</u></b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. How does the context of Matthew 15 prepare us for a shift in the ministry of Jesus from a primarily Jewish population to a primary Gentile population? (review 15:1-20)</li> <li>2. How does the Canaanite woman approach Jesus? What words does she use to describe him? How does she relate herself to him?</li> <li>3. What is the response of the disciples to the presence of the Canaanite woman? How does the disciples' response mirror the response of modern disciples when we find ourselves in uncomfortable encounters, with those we do not understand?</li> <li>4. How does Jesus' response to the woman draw out the prejudice existing in the hearts of his disciples, and reveal the persistent faith of the woman? (vss. 24-27; also, Matthew 15:10-20)</li> <li>5. What does Jesus commend? And how is the faith of the woman rewarded? (vs. 28) What do we learn about the presence of Jesus and the availability of his ministry from this encounter?</li> </ol> <p><b><u>Questions guiding Spiritual Formation &amp; Application:</u></b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. How does this text invite us to grow in a greater love for God?</li> <li>2. What lessons within this text move us towards growing in our love for one another?</li> <li>3. What principles could be applied to our family life, careers, communities, or congregational life?</li> <li>4. Consider how Jesus could use our application of the principles in this text to draw those that do not know him, unto himself?</li> <li>5. Who is currently in our lives that needs an invitation to meet Jesus or be part of a kind and gracious Christian community?</li> </ol>	<p><b><u>Further Study</u></b>  Mk. 7:24-30  Matt. 15:1-20  Matt. 15:29-39  Matt. 10:5-6  Jn. 2:24-25  Matt. 15:18  Matt. 28:19-20  Matt. 14:13-21</p> <p><b><u>Prayer Requests</u></b></p> <p><b>Family</b></p> <p><b>Church</b></p> <p><b>Community</b></p> <p><b>Career &amp; Friends</b></p> <p><b>Other</b></p>