

The literary structure of Mark 7:24-31 - The Syrophenician woman's faith

A. Tyre and Sidon: ²⁴And from there he arose and went away to the region of Tyre and Sidon.

B. Jesus in a house: And he entered a house and did not want anyone to know, yet he could not be hidden. ²⁵But immediately a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit heard of him and came and fell down at his feet.

C. The request: ²⁶Now the woman was a Gentile, a Syrophenician by birth. And she begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter.

D. Children's bread/dogs: ²⁷And he said to her, "Let the children be fed first, for it is not right to take the children's bread and throw it to the dogs."

D¹. Dogs/children's crumbs: ²⁸But she answered him, "Yes, Lord; yet even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs."

C¹. The answer: ²⁹And he said to her, "For this statement you may go your way; the demon has left your daughter."

B¹. The woman in her house: ³⁰And she went home and found the child lying in bed and the demon gone.

A¹. Tyre and Sidon: ³¹Then he returned from the region of Tyre and went through Sidon to the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis.