

Lesson I.

JESUS SETS MEN FREE

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Mark 7 : 24-35. Study Mark 7 : 1-37. *Scripture Memory Verses, Matt. 9 : 18, 19.

Golden Text—If therefore the Son shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed.—John 8 : 36 (Rev. Ver.).



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and they beseech him to put his hand upon him.

33 And he took him aside from the multitude, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spit, and touched his tongue ;

34 And looking up to heaven, he sighed, and saith unto him, Eph'phatha, that is, Be opened.

35 And straightway his ears were opened, and the string of his tongue was loosed, and he spake plain.

THE LESSON RETOLD

Soon after the feeding of the five thousand people with the five loaves and two fishes, Jesus went on quite a long journey away to a country on the coast of the big sea where the ships came in from other countries. The name of the country was Phenicia, and two of the biggest towns were Tyre and Sidon. The people who lived in these towns and round about them were not Jews but Gentiles. These people were heathen and worshiped idols.

Jesus went quietly to the home of some friends, but it soon became known that he was there. One of the women of the country

24 And from thence he arose, and went into the borders of Tyre and Si'don, and entered into an house, and would have no man know it : but he could not be hid.

25 For a certain woman, whose young daughter had an unclean spirit, heard of him, and came and fell at his feet :

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

27 But Je'sus said unto her, Let the children first be filled : for it is not meet to take the children's bread, and to cast it unto the dogs.

28 And she answered and said unto him, Yes, Lord : yet the dogs under the table eat of the children's crumbs.

29 And he said unto her, For this saying go thy way ; the devil is gone out of thy daughter.

30 And when she was come to her house, she found the devil gone out, and her daughter laid upon the bed.

31 And again, departing from the coasts of Tyre and Si'don, he came unto the sea of Gal'ilee, through the midst of the coasts of Decapo'lis.

32 And they bring unto him one that was deaf, and had an impediment in his speech ;

heard of him and came and fell at his feet. She was crying and seemed to be in great trouble. She had a little daughter at home who was sick with a very bad sickness. There was an evil spirit that lived in her and tormented her. This poor mother begged Jesus to come and drive the bad spirit out of her little daughter.

Jesus wanted to hear what the stranger woman would say, so he said, "Let the children first be filled. It is not right to take the children's bread and cast it to the dogs." Now Jesus used a word which means "pet dogs" or "doggies," and so the woman

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