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Tonight  
**Mark 7:24 – 8:13**



Finding  
Faith in  
Unexpected  
Places




Bible Study



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- Observation: Context





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- Geography


Geography

Tyre  
Sidon  
Decapolis  
Dalmutha

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- Culture



Bible Study


Culture

- Jews versus Gentiles



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- Literary Features



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Mark 6-8


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      - 2<sup>nd</sup> crossing in storm
        - Defilement / Traditions
          - Syrophenecian Woman
            - Deaf & Dumb
    - Feed 4,000
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    - **Blind Man** Opening Eyes - in 2 stages
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- **Observation: Context**
- **Geography**
- **Culture**
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**Biblical Context**


- **Adjacent Stories**
- **Rest of Mark**
- **References in Larger Bible**



**Gentile Faith #1**

**The Syrophenecian Woman**

**Mark 7:24-30**

**Observation**

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## Gentile Faith #2

### Healing Deaf & Mute Guy




**Mark**  
**7:31-37**



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Greek: "mogilalon"

OT Passage: *Isaiah 35:6*



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- **Ears of the Gentiles Opened:** Jesus is not just here for the Jews – He opens ears of gentiles ... and they respond greater than those who claim to be God's children!



## Gentile Faith #3 Feeding of the 4,000

**Mark**  
**8:1-13**



## Observation

**Mark 8:1-5**

During those days another large crowd gathered. Since they had nothing to eat, Jesus called his disciples to him and said, "I have compassion for these people; they have already been with me three days and have nothing to eat. If I send them home hungry, they will collapse on the way, because some of them have come a long distance." His disciples answered, "But where in this remote place can anyone get enough bread to feed them?" "How many loaves do you have?" Jesus asked. "Seven," they replied.



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- **No More Signs:** Jesus looking for faith, and will respond - But not willing to give signs to those desiring to test him / those without ears to hear.





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- *How will you approach Him today?*



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