

Jesus and the Canaanite woman

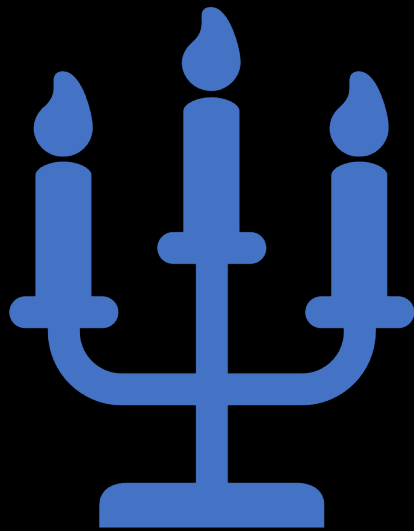
Matthew 15:21-28



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It's about...

- **grace** not race
- **recognising Jesus**, not rules about purity
- **faith**, not trying hard



Grace,
not
race

- the woman is an outsider
 - a gentile
 - a Canaanite

Grace, not race

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- Jesus seems reluctant to help

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- Jesus continues to resist

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- Jesus heals her daughter

Then Jesus came to them and said,
'All authority in heaven and on earth
has been given to me. Therefore **go
and make disciples of all nations,**
baptizing them in the name of the
Father and of the Son and of the Holy
Spirit, and teaching them to obey
everything I have commanded you.
And surely I am with you always, to
the very end of the age.'

Matthew 28:18-20

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the centurion's servant 8:5-13

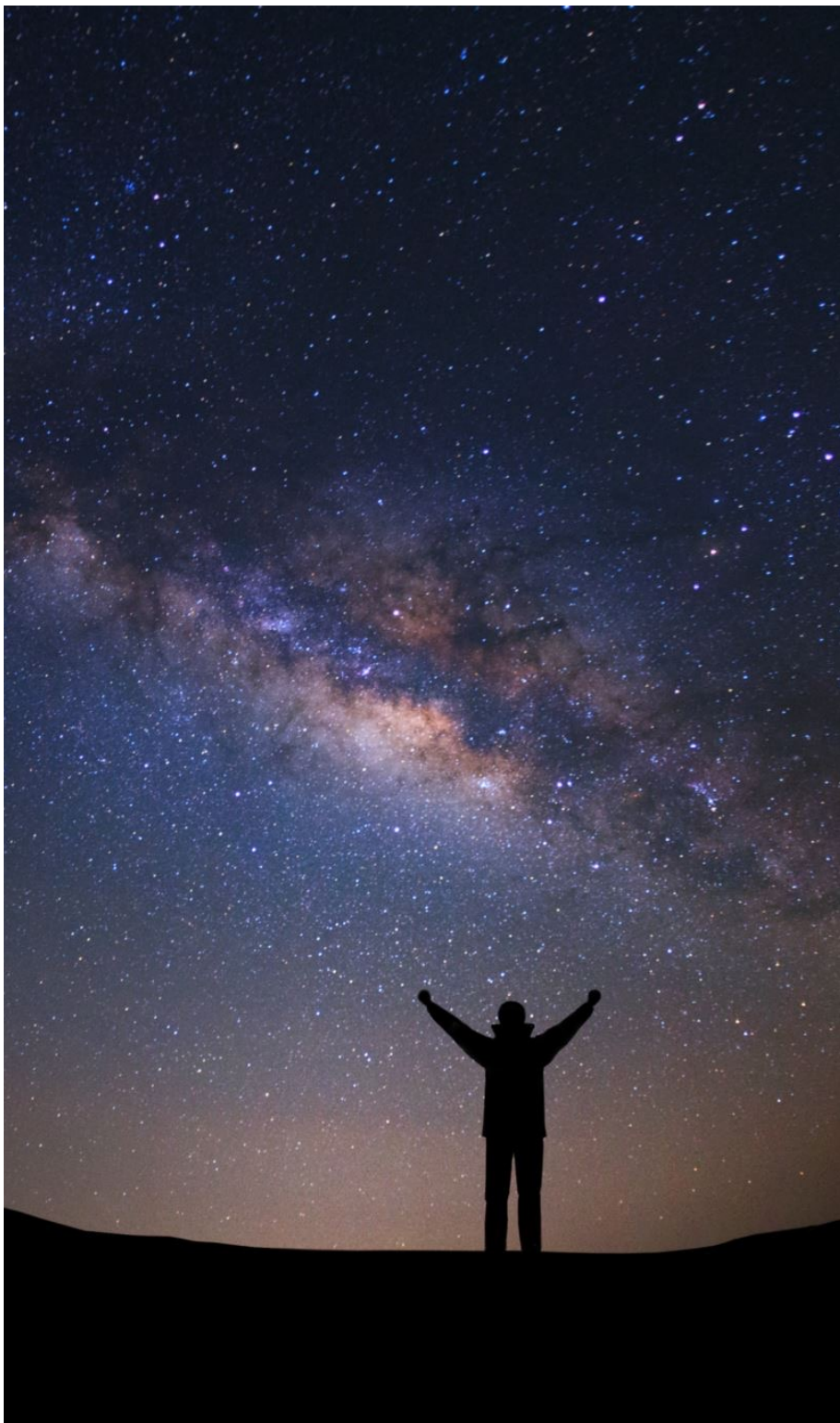


Grace, not race

- the danger of writing people off
- the danger of writing Jewish people off

Recognising Jesus

- 'Lord' vv 22, 25, 27
- 'son of David' v 22
 - 'This is the genealogy of Jesus the Messiah the son of David' 1:1
 - 'Hosanna to the son of David!' 21:9





Recognising Jesus

- the Canaanite woman recognises who Jesus is
- contrast vv 1-20
 - Jesus in debate over purity laws vv 1-2
 - what matter is the heart, not just the externals vv 10-20

Recognising Jesus



- beware mistaking high moral standards for real love for Jesus
- beware making it harder than it is to follow Jesus

Faith, not trying hard

- 'great faith' v 28
 - confidence that Jesus can help vv 22, 27



...when you ask, you must believe and not doubt, because the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea, blown and tossed by the wind. Those who doubt should not think they will receive anything from the Lord; they are double-minded and unstable in all they do.

James 1:6-8

Faith, not trying hard

- 'great faith' v 28
 - confidence that Jesus can help
vv 22, 27
 - asking humbly
v 25
 - persistence and boldness
vv 22, 23, 25, 27



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