

NICENE Creed

We believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, begotten from the Father before all ages, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made; of the same essence as the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; he became incarnate by the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and was made human. He was crucified for us under Pontius Pilate; he suffered and was buried. The third day he rose again, according to the Scriptures. He ascended to heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again with glory to judge the living and the dead. His kingdom will never end.

And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life. He proceeds from the Father and the Son, and with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified. He spoke through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We affirm one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look forward to the resurrection of the dead, and to life in the world to come. Amen.

<This Week>

6/23 **Service I** 9:30-10:30 (Japanese)
Service II 11:00-12:30 (Japanese and English / Kid's Mini Church)

6/28 **PAWS** 20:00-21:00

<Coming Week>

6/30 **Service I** 9:30-10:30 (Japanese)
Service II 11:00-12:30 (Japanese and English / Kid's Mini Church)
Onigiri Café (Lunch Service)

7/5 **PAWS** 20:00-21:00

<Next Communion> **7/7 10:30**

<Meetings> (For more info and schedule, please talk to the leaders)

- ❖ **Mini-Church** (Small gathering with a friendly and warm atmosphere)
- ❖ **New Life Class** (First Step to follower's life)
- ❖ **Covenant Class** (Membership Class)

<Offering> Our operating cost is covered by members' spontaneous offerings.

We believe that offering is a part of worship and it's a responsibility of each believer (Malachi 3:10). It also says, "Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver (II Cor. 9:6-7)." We don't pass around the offering basket since we don't want anyone who is not able to give for some reason to feel pressure or awkward (especially for visitors). We also would like everyone to do it spontaneously. Please put the offerings in the box on the counter.

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June 23, 2019 (Mark 7:24-30)

The Little Dog's Faith Mari Ikeda

A. Cold Jesus (24-27)

1) God's Plan that chose the Jews first

2) Jesus' sorrow

B. The woman who still trusted Jesus (28-30)

1) "Indeed I don't deserve your care, but I need you."

2) Jesus' heart is moved

C. When God's plan seems to differ from our hopes

Summary

When Jesus physically lived with his body in this world, He sometimes got discouraged and despaired just as we do. We know through His Cross and resurrection that He never becomes cold to us like He did to the woman in this story. However, to live our life by trusting in Jesus means to trust Him even when He doesn't seem to answer to our cry. In such time, we need to learn from this woman and keep trusting in the abundance of God's love while admitting our smallness.

For Discussion

- 1) Why was Jesus cold to this woman?
- 2) What can we learn from this woman?

24 Jesus left that place and went to the vicinity of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know it; yet he could not keep his presence secret. 25 In fact, as soon as she heard about him, a woman whose little daughter was possessed by an impure spirit came and fell at his feet. 26 The woman was a Greek, born in Syrian Phoenicia. She begged Jesus to drive the demon out of her daughter. 27 "First let the children eat all they want," he told her, "for it is not right to take the children's bread and toss it to the dogs."

28 "Lord," she replied, "even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs." 29 Then he told her, "For such a reply, you may go; the demon has left your daughter." 30 She went home and found her child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.

小犬の信仰

池田真理

A. 冷たいイエス様 (24-27)

1) ユダヤ人を選んだ神様の計画

2) イエス様の悲しみ

B. それでもイエス様を信じた女性 (28-30)

1) 「私は確かにあなたにふさわしくない。でも、あなたが必要です。」

2) イエス様の心が動かされる

C. 神様の計画と私たちの願いが異なるとき

メッセージのポイント

イエス様が体を持ってこの世界で生きておられた時、イエス様は私たちと同じように時に悩み、絶望しました。イエス様の十字架と復活を知っている私たちは、イエス様がこの女性にとったような冷たい態度を私たちに向けられることはないと思っています。でも、イエス様を信じて生きていくとは、時にはすぐに答えて下さらないイエス様に信頼し続けることを意味します。そのために私たちに必要なのは、この女性のように、自分の小ささを認めると同時に、神様の愛の大きさを信頼して、求め続けることです。

話し合いのために

- 1) なぜイエス様はこの女性に冷たかったのでしょうか？
- 2) この女性に私たちが学べることはなんですか？

24 イエスはそこを立ち去って、ティルスの方に行かれた。ある家に入り、誰にも知られたくないと思っておられたが、人々に気づかれてしまった。
25 汚れた霊に取りつかれた幼い娘を持つ女が、すぐにイエスのことを聞きつけ、来てその足元にひれ伏した。26 女はギリシア人でシリア・フェニキアの生まれであった。そして、娘から悪霊を追い出してくださいと頼んだ。27 イエスは言われた。「まず、子どもたちに十分に食べさせるべきである。子どもたちのパンを取って、小犬に投げてやるのはよくない。」

28 女は答えて言った。「主よ、食卓の下の小犬でも、子どものパン屑はいただきます。」29 そこで、イエスは言われた。「その言葉で十分である。行きなさい。悪霊はあなたの娘から出て行った。」30 女が家に帰ってみると、その子は床に横たわっており、悪霊は出てしまっていた。