

will fall into a pit.”<sup>1</sup>

<sup>15</sup> But Peter said to him,  
“Explain this parable to us.” <sup>16</sup> Then he said,  
“Are you also still without understanding?  
<sup>17</sup> Do you not see that whatever goes into  
the mouth enters the stomach,

and goes out into the sewer?

<sup>18</sup> But what comes out of the mouth proceeds  
from the heart, and this is what defiles. <sup>19</sup> For  
out of the heart

come evil intentions,  
murder, adultery, fornication, theft,  
false witness,  
slander.

<sup>20</sup> These are what  
defile a person, but to eat with unwashed hands  
does not defile.”

<sup>17</sup> When he had left the crowd and entered  
the house, his disciples asked him  
about the parable. <sup>18</sup> He said to them,  
“Then do you also fail to understand?  
Do you not see that whatever goes into  
a person from outside cannot defile, <sup>19</sup> since it  
enters, not the heart but the stomach,  
and goes out into the sewer?” (Thus he de-  
clared all foods clean.) <sup>20</sup> And he said,  
“It is what comes out of a person  
that defiles. <sup>21</sup> For  
it is from within, from the human heart,  
that evil intentions come:  
fornication, theft, murder, <sup>22</sup> adultery,  
avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness,  
envy, slander, pride, folly. <sup>23</sup> All  
these evil things come from within, and they  
defile a person.”

## § 116 THE SYROPHOENICIAN WOMAN

MAT 15:21-28	MAR 7:24-30	LUK
<p><sup>21</sup> Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon.</p> <p><sup>22</sup> Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, “Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon.” <sup>23</sup> But he did not an- swer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, “Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us.” <sup>24</sup> He answered, “I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.” <sup>25</sup> But she came and knelt before him, saying, “Lord, help me.”</p> <p><sup>26</sup> He answered,</p> <p>“It is not fair to take the children’s food and throw it to the dogs.” <sup>27</sup> She said, “Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters’ table.”</p>	<p><sup>24</sup> From there he set out and went away to the region of Tyre.<sup>u</sup> He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice, <sup>25</sup> but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet.</p> <p><sup>26</sup> Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syro- phoenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter.</p> <p><sup>27</sup> He said to her, “Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children’s food and throw it to the dogs.” <sup>28</sup> But she answered him, “Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children’s crumbs.”</p>	

<sup>1</sup> LUK 6:39 (§ 76, p. 65): He [Jesus] also told them a parable: “Can a blind person guide a blind person? Will not both fall into a pit?”

\* <sup>u</sup> text: S A B λ ø R it (some MSS.) vg sy<sup>p</sup> sa bo; omit: and Sidon: D W Θ it (some MSS.) sy<sup>s</sup>.

<sup>28</sup> Then Jesus answered her,  
"Woman, great is your faith!  
Let it be done for you as you wish."

And her daughter was healed instantly.

<sup>29</sup> Then he said to her,  
"For saying that, you may go—  
the demon has left your daughter."

<sup>30</sup> So she went home, found  
the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.

## § 117 THE HEALING OF MANY SICK PEOPLE (MAT) AND OF THE DEAF PERSON WITH A SPEECH IMPEDIMENT (MAR)

MAT 15:29-31	MAR 7:31-37	LUK
<p><sup>29</sup> After Jesus had left that place, he passed along the Sea of Galilee, and he went up the mountain, where he sat down.</p> <p><sup>30</sup> Great crowds came to him, bringing with them the lame, the maimed, the blind, the mute, and many others. They put them at his feet, and he cured them,</p>	<p><sup>31</sup> Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis.</p> <p><sup>32</sup> They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. <sup>33</sup> He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. <sup>34</sup> Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, "Ephphatha," that is, "Be opened." <sup>35</sup> And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. <sup>36</sup> Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it.</p> <p><sup>37</sup> They were astounded beyond measure, saying, "He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak."</p>	
<p><sup>31</sup> so that the crowd was amazed when they saw the mute speaking, the maimed whole, the lame walking, and the blind seeing. And they praised the God of Israel.</p>		

## § 118 THE FEEDING OF THE FOUR THOUSAND

Cf. MAT 14:13-21 = MAR 6:30-44 = LUK 9:10-17 (§ 112, p. 89)

MAT 15:32-39	MAR 8:1-10	LUK
<p><sup>32</sup> Then Jesus called his disciples to him and said, "I have compassion for the crowd, because they have been with me now for three days and have nothing to eat; and I do not want to send them away hungry, for they</p>	<p><sup>1</sup> In those days when there was again a great crowd without anything to eat, he called his disciples and said to them, <sup>2</sup> "I have compassion for the crowd, because they have been with me now for three days and have nothing to eat. <sup>3</sup> If I send them away hungry to their homes, they</p>	