

Lesson 15. Jesus Goes to the Gentiles

In Lesson 14, we studied how the Galileans made their choice to turn against Jesus. Only the twelve disciples and a few others continued to follow Him. But when the Jews turned their backs on Jesus, He went to other people who were glad to receive Him.

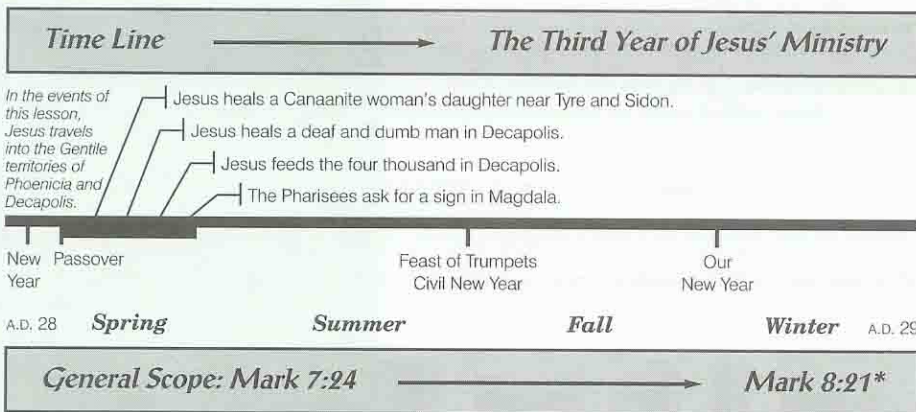
After the Sabbath at Capernaum when many of the Jews abandoned Him, Jesus visited the Gentiles.

First Jesus and a few of His disciples traveled west to the borders of Tyre and Sidon. There Jesus hoped to stay hidden in a house for a

while. But it was impossible. News of His presence soon spread.

The same thing was true when Jesus traveled east and south to the Gentile territory of Decapolis. There the Gentiles flocked to see Him in crowds almost as large as the Jewish crowds had been. Later, some of these Gentiles may have become part of the Christian church.

Jesus did not receive as much opposition from the Gentiles as He did from the Jews. When He crossed the lake for a stop at Magdala, the Pharisees again came to find fault with Him.



* Note: Luke does not record the events of this lesson.

Using the Time Line

1. What Jewish feast took place just before or during the time covered by this lesson?
the Passover
2. The Gospels do not record that Jesus attended this feast. Where do the Gospels say Jesus traveled about this time? (See the lesson introduction and the time line note.)
He traveled among the Gentiles.

- The last chapters of Matthew and Mark are much more similar than the earlier portions of these books. Beginning with Matthew 14:1 and Mark 6:14, these two Gospels give most of the same events in the same order. Luke and John do not mention the events covered in this lesson. However, Luke gives details about the Perea ministry that the others omit, and John records what Jesus taught and did in Jerusalem. Together, the four Gospels provide a well-balanced account of Jesus' life and ministry.

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Oral Review

1. How did God the Father and God the Holy Spirit manifest themselves at Jesus' baptism? [L. 4] **God the Father said, "This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased." The Holy Spirit descended upon Jesus in the form of a dove.**
2. What do we call Jesus' sermon of new laws recorded in Matthew 5-7? [L. 9] **the Sermon on the Mount**
3. How do we lay up treasures in heaven? [L. 10] **We seek the things of God rather than the things of the earth.**

4. Who thought Jesus was doing too much for His own good? [L. 11] **His friends**
5. What job did scribes do for Old Testament kings? [L. 12] **They copied books and kept records.**
6. How did the woman with an issue prove that she had faith in Jesus? [L. 13] **She touched the hem of Jesus' garment.**
7. By using a few loaves and fishes to feed the five thousand, what did Jesus teach His disciples? [L. 14] **God can do much with little, ordinary things.**
8. After feeding the five thousand, how did Jesus teach the people not to be wasteful? [L. 14] **He had the disciples gather up all the leftovers.**