

Gentile Woman Discussion

Remember that these monologues are essentially historical fiction, based on the Scripture but filling in plausible subjective details, both emotional responses and motivations. Your first task is to decide if they are reasonable.

Is “demon-possession” another name for mental illness? (See Luke 8:26 – 36)

Why did Jesus speak so harshly to the woman?

What did her reaction reveal about her?

Is it also possible that Jesus was parodying the usual Jewish response to Gentiles for the sake of the Jewish viewers?

Why did God want Jews to be separate from the Gentiles?

What were the religious practices that the Jews kept falling into prior to the captivity in Babylon?

Is it likely that there are behaviors that open a person to invasion by demons?

Does idol worship involve demons?

Does sorcery and fortune-telling involve demons?

How does involvement in these things possibly give permission for a demon to invade a person?

Would the woman have sought out Jesus if her daughter had not been afflicted by something that only He could take care of?

Are people today involved in interactions with spiritual beings?

Do many today believe that there are “higher intelligences” who can guide us?

Do many people assume that there are impersonal hidden powers available to those with special knowledge?

Is it possible that they are dealing with malevolent spiritual beings intending to deceive and harm them? (2 Corinthians 11:14)

How can habitual sin open a person to evil spiritual beings?

Is it possible that there a spiritual battle going on around us that we are not usually aware of?