

The thesis is an exegesis of the story of Canaanite woman and her faith told in the New Testament's Matthew's Gospel. This gospel story describes a Canaanite woman, a gentile, who supposedly does not believe in the One God, asking Jesus to cure her demon-possessed daughter. The text is primarily about the dialog between Jesus and the woman. The metaphorical dialog highlights Jesus' surprise at the depth of faith of this gentile woman and ends with the act of healing of her daughter who is not even present at this encounter. The thesis begins by placing Matthew's Gospel within the context of all the gospels and their literary and historical origins as a way of introducing the passage to be used in exegesis. The rest of the exegesis has all the necessary elements found in such work such as comparing various translations of the text, literary sources, context and parallels for this passage, concordance, commentaries and excursions into other works as well as explanations. The text itself is an early church pericope thus allowing the thesis to be enriched by explanations of early Christian church history. The work is completed by my own interpretation of the selected passage.