

Melbourne Community Church (MCC)

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by Brandon Harris, Teaching Pastor.

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We can sway one's opinion, turn their point of view
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What country now encompasses this region?

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What was her situation?

What was the disciples attitude towards the woman? ([Matthew 15:23b](#))

Who were the lost that Jesus tells her to whom he was sent to first?

Why doesn't Jesus ask her to leave as the disciples encouraged him? ([Isaiah 53:6-8](#); [Revelation 5:8-9](#))

What did the woman do? ([Matthew 15:25-26](#))

What position did she understand as her place was with respect to Jesus and Israel?

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What did the woman's response to Jesus' question show about her belief?

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