



## #4 Jesus, The Mercy Show-er

**Matthew 15:21-28 (ESV)** And Jesus went away from there and withdrew to the district of Tyre and Sidon. <sup>22</sup> And behold, a Canaanite woman from that region came out and was crying, "Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David; my daughter is severely oppressed by a demon." <sup>23</sup> But he did not answer her a word. And his disciples came and begged him, saying, "Send her away, for she is crying out 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." <sup>26</sup> And he answered, "It is not right to take the children's bread 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." <sup>28</sup> Then Jesus answered her, "O woman, great is your faith! Be it done for you as you desire." And her daughter was healed instantly.

### Where did Jesus go and why did He go there?

1. He went to **THE DISTRICT OF TYRE AND SIDON.**
  - a. This was a good **60 MILES** walk from where He was in the land of Gennesaret.
  - b. This area was a totally **GENTILE AREA.**
2. Jesus had withdrawn from Israel **PHILOSOPHICALLY** so He withdrew from them **GEOGRAPHICALLY.**
  - a. He's on a short term **MISSION TRIP** showing the **GREAT COMMISSION** before He **COMMANDS IT.**

### Who did Jesus meet?

1. He meets a **CANAANITE WOMAN**; she's fully **GENTILE.**

### What did Jesus do?

1. At first He **DOESN'T ACKNOWLEDGE** her.
2. Then He calls her **A DOG.**
3. Finally He **GIVES HER** what she needed; He **HEALS** her daughter.
  - a. He granted her request because of **HER GREAT FAITH.**

### What does this say about Jesus?

1. He is a **GOD OF MERCY.**
  - a. He showed mercy **BY COMING TO THIS GENTILE AREA.**
  - b. He showed mercy **BY NOT IMMEDIATELY RESPONDING** to the lady.
  - c. He showed mercy **WHEN HE CALLED HER A DOG.**
  - d. He showed mercy **BY GRANTING HER REQUEST.**

*Jesus is a God of Mercy. Has He been merciful to you?*