

Here is Our King!

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Surprised by Faith

Matthew 15:21-39

Matthew 15:21-28 – A Strange Conversation

The Significance of Tyre and Sidon:

- Gentile cities
- Symbols of _____
- The Jews _____ them

The Canaanite Woman:

- She was a Gentile.
- She understood the _____ between the Jews and herself.
- She was respectful, humble, and _____.

Jesus' Response:

- At first He _____ respond.
- Then He seems to set her aside.
- Most shocking – He appears to _____.

What exactly is going on here?

- Jesus regularly used shock or surprise to make a point!
- Who learned the most here? – _____

There is a stark contrast between the Pharisees belief in “cleanliness” (in **v. 1-20**) and this woman's demonstration of it!

- She recognized her _____.
- She recognized Jesus as the _____ to her need.
- Her _____ in pursuing Jesus is upheld as the model of purity and not the Pharisees ritual!
- Jesus praised _____.

Matthew 15:29-39 – Feeding the Four Thousand

A Second Time With Meaning:

- A gentile crowd
- A _____ question
- All ate and were _____
- Seven baskets full of scraps
- Jesus is the bread of life for _____!

What Are the Ties Between These Two Occurrences?

- They both emphasize Jesus' love for the world!
- They both teach the disciples important lessons on faith!
 1. The beginning of faith is humbly seeing our need and seeking its fulfillment in Jesus!
 2. Faith is best measured by whole-hearted pursuit and not by the ritual keeping.
 3. Jesus builds the disciples faith through repetition!

Faith in the New World

- God's love is for _____ – and so should ours be.
- Faith still begins with humbly _____ for Jesus.
- God still uses _____ to build our faith.

November Memory Verse -- 1 Peter 4:10 (NIV) Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms.