

# 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.