



Synod of the Diocese of West Malaysia

St Mary's Cathedral

Making disciples of Jesus Christ

Other Sheep (Matthew 15:21-39)

Read Matthew 15:21-28.

- 1) Where did Jesus go? [See map] Why might he have travelled there?
- 2) What stands out to you about the way the Canaanite woman approached Jesus?
- 3) How did the disciples view her?
- 4) What do Jesus' words to the woman say about his ministry priority? (See also Romans 1:16)
- 5) Why did Jesus heal the girl?

Read Matthew 15:29-31.

- 6) Where did Jesus go next? What extra detail does Mark 7:31 give us? [See map]
- 7) Why did great crowds gather?
- 8) What was their response to what they saw (v31)?
- 9) Putting the clues together, are these crowds likely Jews or Gentiles?

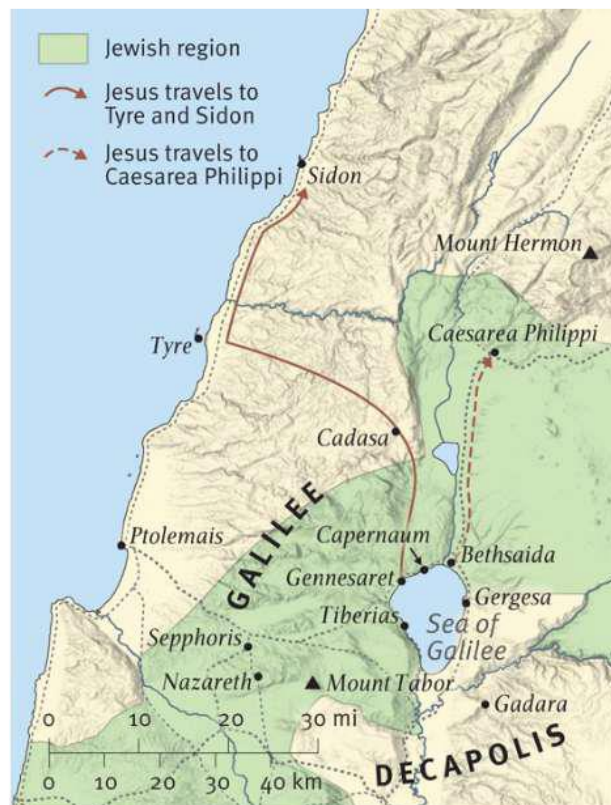
Read Matthew 15:31-39.

- 10) Compare this event with the feeding of the 5000 in Matthew 14:13-21. What is the same? What is different?

11) If Jesus' primary mission is to the Jews (v24), why does he heal and feed these Gentiles?

12) Matthew has been showing us Jesus as king of all nations from the start of his Gospel (See Matthew 2:1-2,10-11; 8:5-13; 12:15-21). What does this section add to this theme?

13) What can we learn from the Canaanite woman about how to approach Jesus? Read Ephesians 2:11-22. What greater assurance do we have?



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Bonus: Read Romans 9:30-10:4.

Consider how Matthew chapter 15 read as a whole illustrates this.