THE FAITH OF A CANAANITE WOMAN

Matthew 15:21–28

Key Verse: 15:28

1. With what controversy had Jesus just dealt? (1–20) Where did he go now, and what was this region like? (21)
2. Who came to Jesus? (22) How did she describe her daughter? Think about how she must have felt as a mother. What did her cry “Have mercy on me!” really mean? Why did she call Jesus “Lord” and “Son of David”?
3. How did Jesus respond to her at first? (23a) What did the disciples do, and why? (23b) How did Jesus answer, and what did it mean? (24; cf. 10:5,6) What else had Jesus said about this subject? (8:10–12) Why did he have to focus his earthly ministry on “the lost sheep of Israel”? (Ro15:8)
4. How did the woman respond to this, and what does it show about her? (25) What did Jesus tell her? (26) How would this be offensive to her? Despite this, how did she answer him? (27) Read verse 28. What can we learn from this woman? (Jas1:12)