

# MATTHEW

October 16, 2022

Matthew 15:21-28

## READ

Matthew 15:21-28     Mark 7:24-30

## QUESTIONS for REFLECTION

1. What is unique about the district of Tyre & Sidon? Why take the disciples there?
2. How is the woman described (v. 22; Mark 7:26)? What is her status?

Describe the nature of her predicament? How serious is it?

3. How does the woman appeal to Jesus (vv. 22, 25)?

What is she saying by calling Jesus “Son of David”?

4. Describe the disciples’ attitude toward the woman (v. 23)? What is behind it?
5. What is your reaction to Jesus giving the woman the cold shoulder (v. 23a)?
6. Though Jesus seems to keep the woman at arm’s distance (v. 24), how does she respond (v. 25)? What does this say about her?

7. Why do Jesus' words in v. 26 seem so shocking?

Why does her response in v. 27 seem so incredible?

8. How do we get to the outcome in v. 28? How & why has Jesus guided everyone to this end?

9. How is the woman's faith an encouragement to you?

10. This incident is certainly significant for the woman and her daughter. How is this incident significant for the disciples? What does it mean for them? Take into account passages like—

- Genesis 12:3
- Matthew 12:18, 21
- Matthew 28:19
- Acts 10:28
- Romans 1:16
- Revelation 5:9

### **PERSONAL RESPONSE**

I will anchor my faith in the Lord this week by . . .

I will faithfully endure this week by . . .