

# Mercy to an “Outsider”

Matthew 15:21-28

(series #88)

**Introduction:** the unpredictability of Jesus

- Romans 11:34
- Isaiah 55:8
- Matthew 11:6

## I. The Setting of the Interchange v. 21

- A. Tyre and Sidon were Phoenicians cities
- B. The region was the home of Jezebel

## II. The Cry for Mercy v. 22

- A. The woman was “a woman of Canaan”
- B. She recognized Jesus as the Son of David

## III. The Response of Jesus vv. 23-24

- A. His silence brought out what was in the disciples’ hearts
- B. He explained His focus on Israel
  - Ephesians 2:11-13
    - 1. Without Christ
    - 2. Without citizenship
    - 3. Without covenants of the promise
    - 4. Without hope
    - 5. Without God

## IV. The Granting of Her Request vv. 25-28

- A. She worshiped Jesus and He accepted
- B. He reiterated His responsibility to Israel
- C. She requested to eat of the crumbs
- D. Jesus commended her & healed her daughter

**Conclusion:** Today is the day of mercy - 2<sup>nd</sup> Cor. 6:2