

Faith

Should Endure Meets Your Need

Takes You Beyond Could Be So Much More

What Is Not Faith? (Matthew 15:1-20)

A. Faith is Not Keeping Traditions (15:1-9)

1. Making something out of nothing

2. The answer from God's perspective (15:3-9)

a. Tradition that replaces truth is sin (v 3)

b. An example given - How to honor your parents

c. The consequences of following self (vv 7-9)

1) Self-righteous hypocrisy (v 7)

2) God proven correct and man wanting (vv 8-9)

What Is Not Faith? (Matthew 15:1-20)

B. False Faith is Revealed by Words (Matthew 15:10-20)

- 1. Defilement is a spiritual condition revealed by wrong words (vv 10-11)**
- 2. Spiritual truth offends the spiritually corrupt (v 12)**
- 3. Spiritual corruption is not tolerated by God (v 13)**
- 4. Spiritual corruption makes one blind to spiritual truth (v 14)**
- 5. Spiritual principles must be spiritually discerned (vv 15-16)**
- 6. Spirituality is not a function of physical processes but of the heart (vv 17-18)**
- 7. You can be "righteous" on the outside but "defiled" on the inside (15:19-20)**
- 8. We can forget these principles**

Luke 18:8b

**...Nevertheless when the
Son of man cometh,
shall he find faith on
the earth?**

FINDING FAITH

MATTHEW 15:21-39

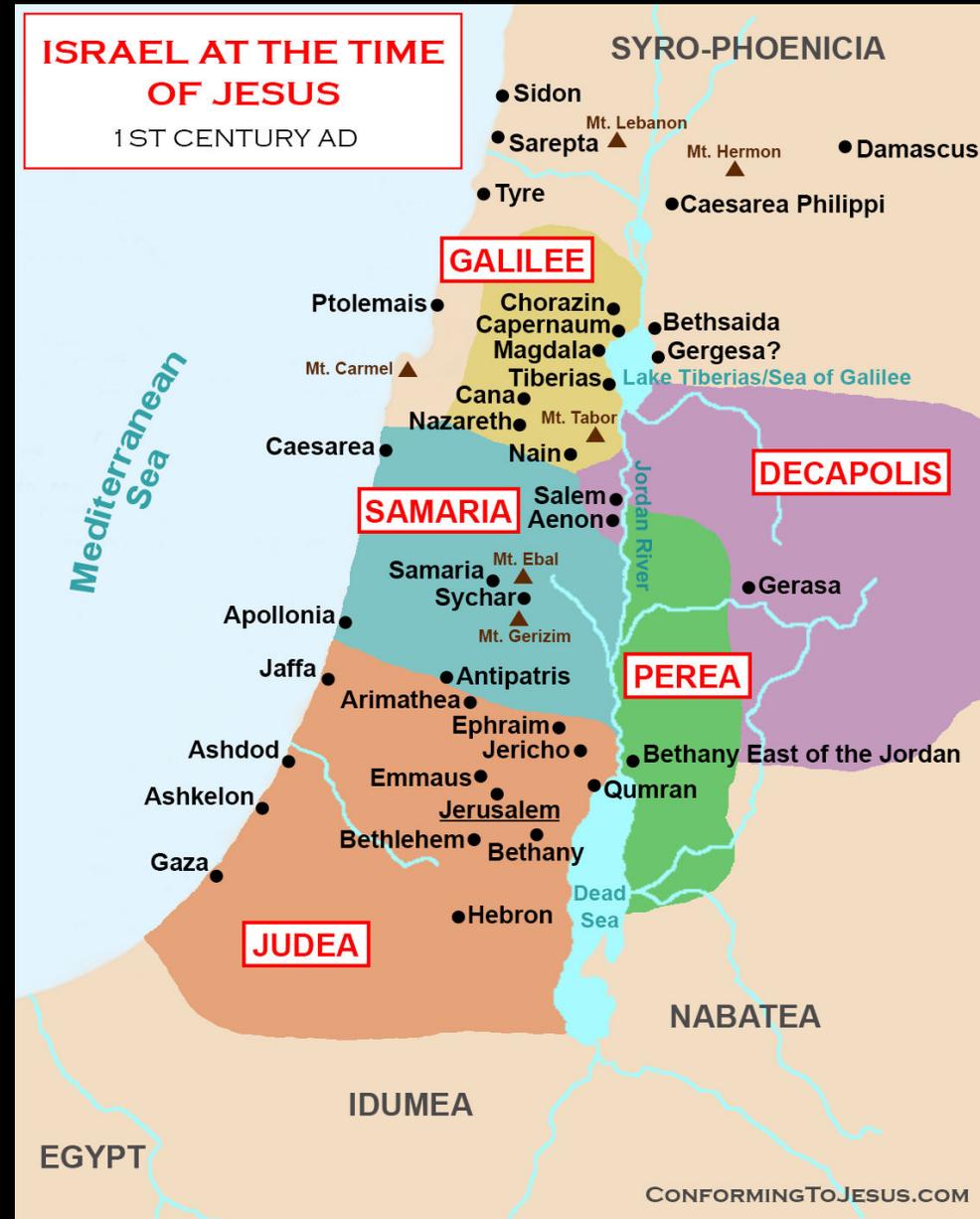
I. In People And Places Not Expected

A. Christ's special trip (15:21)

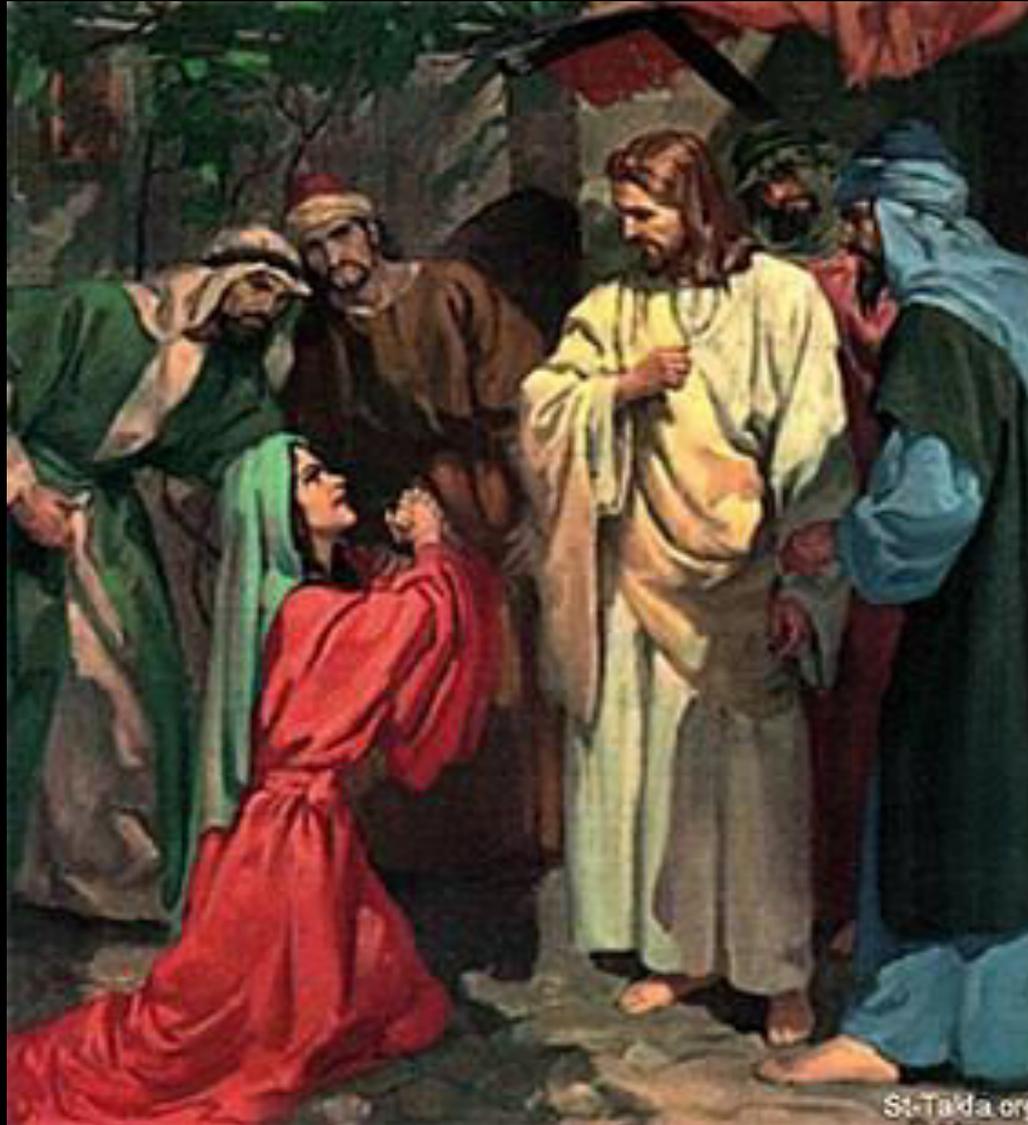
Matthew 15:21

Then Jesus went thence, and departed into the coasts of Tyre and Sidon.

1. The rejection
2. The region
3. The reason



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B. Christ's special meeting (15:22-28)

1. A cry for help (15:22)

Matthew 15:22

And, behold, a woman of Canaan came out of the same coasts, and cried unto him, saying, Have mercy on me, O Lord, thou son of David; my daughter is grievously vexed with a devil.

Psalms 40:1

I waited patiently for the LORD; and he inclined unto me, and heard my cry.

I. In People And Places Not Expected

B. Christ's special meeting (15:22-28) - continued

2. A cry that would not be discouraged (15:23-27)

Matthew 15:23-27

23 But he answered her not a word. And his disciples came and besought him, saying, Send her away; for she crieth after us.

24 But he answered and said, I am not sent but unto the lost sheep of the house of Israel.

25 Then came she and worshipped him, saying, Lord, help me.

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B. Christ's special meeting (15:22-28) - continued

2. A cry that would not be discouraged (15:23-27)

Matthew 15:23-27

26 But he answered and said, It is not meet to take the children's bread, and to cast it to dogs.

27 And she said, Truth, Lord: yet the dogs eat of the crumbs which fall from their masters' table.

I. In People And Places Not Expected

B. Christ's special meeting (15:22-28) - continued

2. A cry that would not be discouraged (15:23-27)

- a. When not getting an immediate answer**
- b. Without regard for what other people say**
- c. Without regard for what other people think**
- d. Working through discouragement can reveal the proper view of God**
- e. Willing to accept any help from the Lord**

I. In People And Places Not Expected

B. Christ's special meeting (15:22-28) - continued

3. Real faith gets results (15:28)

Matthew 15: 28

Then Jesus answered and said unto her, O woman, great is thy faith: be it unto thee even as thou wilt. And her daughter was made whole from that very hour.

a. She left in faith

b. She saw by faith

Mark 7:30

And when she was come to her house, she found the devil gone out, and her daughter laid upon the bed.

Anyone Can Find Faith in Jesus

Galatians 3:22

But the scripture hath concluded all under sin, that the promise by faith of Jesus Christ might be given to them that believe.

ISRAEL AT THE TIME OF JESUS

1ST CENTURY AD



II. In Events Seen

Matthew 15:29-31

29 And Jesus departed from thence, and came nigh unto the sea of Galilee; and went up into a mountain, and sat down there.

30 And great multitudes came unto him, having with them those that were lame, blind, dumb, maimed, and many others, and cast them down at Jesus' feet; and he healed them:

31 Insomuch that the multitude wondered, when they saw the dumb to speak, the maimed to be whole, the lame to walk, and the blind to see: and they glorified the God of Israel.

II. In Events Seen

*God is good enough to fix my circumstances
but is God good enough to fix me.*

Micah 6:8

He hath shewed thee, O man, what is good; and what doth the LORD require of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God?

Matthew 15:32-39

32 Then Jesus called his disciples unto him, and said, I have compassion on the multitude, because they continue with me now three days, and have nothing to eat: and I will not send them away fasting, lest they faint in the way.

33 And his disciples say unto him, Whence should we have so much bread in the wilderness, as to fill so great a multitude?

34 And Jesus saith unto them, How many loaves have ye? And they said, Seven, and a few little fishes.

35 And he commanded the multitude to sit down on the ground.

Matthew 15:32-39 - continued

36 And he took the seven loaves and the fishes, and gave thanks, and brake them, and gave to his disciples, and the disciples to the multitude.

37 And they did all eat, and were filled: and they took up of the broken meat that was left seven baskets full.

38 And they that did eat were four thousand men, beside women and children.

39 And he sent away the multitude, and took ship, and came into the coasts of Magdala.

III. In Your Remembrance

A. Christ is performing the same miracles

B. Christ is showing the same compassion

C. Christ can meet the same need

How soon can we forget!!!

Matthew 24:46

Blessed is that servant, whom his lord when he cometh shall find so doing.

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