

## Crumbs From the Table

### Scripture Reading — Mark 7:24-30

*Jesus ... went to the vicinity of Tyre. Mark 7:24 —*

Jesus and his disciples took a journey into a wealthy, prosperous area. Tyre was an impressive place. Along with Sidon and the Decapolis (see Mark 7:31), Tyre was a center of culture, learning, and technology. It was far different from the poorer, more agricultural nation of the Jews, to which Jesus belonged.

In the impressive surroundings of Tyre, however, Jesus met a desperate mother who needed a miracle for her tormented child.

In a curious conversation, Jesus suggested that he had come to serve his own people first, not hers. But the woman refused to take that as Jesus' final answer. She was willing to accept whatever "crumbs" he would offer--that is, whatever attention Jesus was willing to give her and her daughter. Jesus was so impressed with her answer and her faith that he healed the woman's daughter immediately.

Through the response of this loving mother, we see that no matter how wealthy or self-sufficient we might be, we still have needs that only Jesus can fill. And in his ministry to this woman, Jesus shows that all people need to know there is hope and life. It doesn't matter whether we're rich or poor, sophisticated or simple--everyone needs Jesus.

Jesus sees you and your needs each day too.

### Prayer

*Lord, thank you that you see me as I am and receive me as I am. Please enable me to come to you with humble faith to receive your mercy. In your name, Amen.*

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