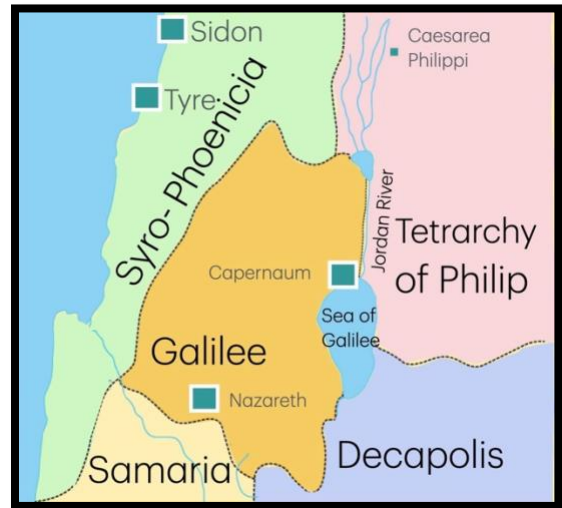


**Sermon Notes:** September 8, 2024  
**Focus:** Jesus heals a daughter

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In today's sermon, I want to geek out with a Bible map. This map focuses on Jesus' journey to Tyre where he meets the "Syro-Phoenician" woman. The inset below describes how Jesus left his familiar stomping grounds to be surprised by a woman in the "foreign" territory of Syro-Phoenicia.

At first, he was anything but open and flexible. He was extremely rude, overly nationalistic, and condescending to this woman asking for help for her daughter. Undeterred, she challenged him and changed his mind – for good.



I will go so far as to say that she 'converted' him. He will approach all kinds of people differently from that moment forward. In the sermon, Muhammad Ali, Bell Hooks and David Mamet have all helped me understand the power of this encounter. Here are some notes to help explain the map above

### **Jesus' movement right before the Syro-Phoenician Woman**

Quick summary of <https://www.ccel.org/bible/philips/CP051GOSPELMAPS.htm>

Jesus goes from Capernaum to his hometown of Nazareth (Mk 6:1) where he is rejected (Mt 13:54; Mk 6:1). He ministers to people and sends out the 12 (Mt 10:5; Mk 6:7; Lk 9:1) who all eventually return to Capernaum (Mk 6:30, Luke 9:10). While at Capernaum, they go off by boat with Jesus (Mk 6:32, Lk 9:10). He feeds 5,000 (Mt 14:14; Mk 6:33; Lk 9:11; Jn 6:5). The twelve head across the Sea of Galilee again without Jesus (Mt 14:22; Mk 6:45). They see he walk on water (Mt 14:25; Mk 6:48; Jn 6:19). After that memorable moment, they "immediately" land near the Plain of Gennesaret (close to Capernaum) and there are more healings (Mt 14:34; Mk 6:53). From Gennesaret they make their way back to Capernaum (Jn 6:24).

**Heading to Tyre** Jesus sets out from Capernaum to Tyre in Syro-Phoenicia (Mt 15:21; Mk 7:24) where he meets a Syro-Phoenician mother and heals her "unclean" daughter (Mt 15:22; Mk 7:25). Afterward, he moves from Tyre to Sidon and travels the long road down the shore of the Galilee (Mt 15:29) arrives at the northern edge of the Decapolis (Mk 7:31). This is the second part of today's gospel reading where he heals the deaf and mute man (Mk 7:32)

Happy mapping  
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