

# Matthew 14:34-36; 15:21-28

## “Healing the Nations”

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### II. Miracles in Gennesaret 14:34-36

The gathering of people – Gennesaret’s proximity to Capernaum

The hem of his garment

*Cf.* 9:21-22; Numb 15:38-39; Dt 22:12. *Contra* Mt 23:1-7.

### III. Miracle in Tyre and Sidon 15:21-28

The visit to the regions of Tyre and Sidon

Background on Tyre and Sidon (Phoenician cities)

The “Canaanite woman”

Jesus allows the extension of Messiah’s mercy to the Gentiles (*cf.* 8:11-12)

She does not ask him to come to her house (*cf.* Mt 8:6-8; *See* Mk 7:30)

In the Gospels, Jesus heals Gentiles at a distance (Mt 8; 15; Jn 4).

Crumbs from the table (*See* 15:32-29)

Jesus tests her faith; she responds boldly; Jesus commends her faith.

Notice the Gentile phrasing of “The God of Israel” in vs. 31