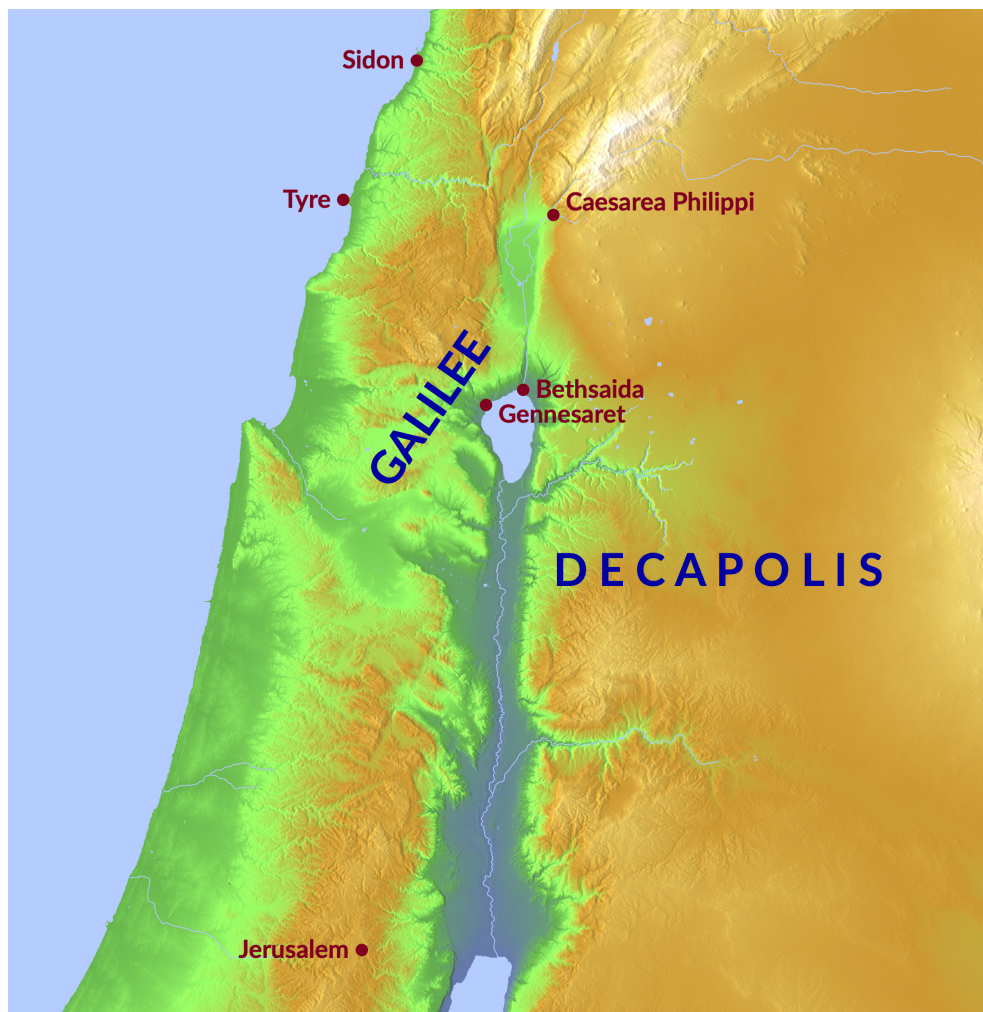


# Jesus does the unexpected - again!

## A Syrophoenician Woman's Faith

**“** Jesus left that place and went to the vicinity of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know it; yet he could not keep his presence secret. In fact, as soon as she heard about him, a woman whose little daughter was possessed by an impure spirit came and fell at his feet. The woman was a Greek, born in Syrian Phoenicia. She begged Jesus to drive the demon out of her daughter. “First let the children eat all they want,” he told her, “for it is not right to take the children’s bread and toss it to the dogs.” “Lord,” she replied, “even the dogs under the table eat the children’s crumbs.” Then he told her, “For such a reply, you may go; the demon has left your daughter.” She went home and found her child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.” (Mark 7.24–30 NIV11)



# Questions

- ✖ Why do you think Jesus went to this Gentile area?
  
- ✖ Why do you think he wanted to keep his presence a secret?
  
- ✖ What strikes you as strange about this passage?
  
- ✖ In what way do you think the early church might have found this story an encouragement?
  
- ✖ How do you feel when you have something you want to get done and you are interrupted?
  
- ✖ What connection(s) can you find between the two people who fell at Jesus's feet? Jairus (Mk 5:22), and this woman.
  
- ✖ How might this event be summarised on Twitter today?
  
- ✖ What have you learned about Jesus today?