

## Matthew 15:29-39 – The King cares!

### Scriptures:

Mark 7:31 - Again, departing from the region of Tyre and Sidon, He came through the midst of the region of Decapolis to the Sea of Galilee.

Mark 5:18-20 - And when He got into the boat, he who had been demon-possessed begged Him that he might be with Him.  
19 However, Jesus did not permit him, but said to him, "Go home to your friends, and tell them what great things the Lord has done for you, and how He has had compassion on you."  
20 And he departed and began to proclaim in Decapolis all that Jesus had done for him; and all marveled.

29  Jesus departed from there, skirted the

Sea of Galilee, and went up on the mountain

and sat down there.

### Notes:

'from there' = region of Tyre and Sidon ([Matthew 5:21](#)).

Marks gospel places this account in the region of Decapolis on the eastern coast of the sea of Galilee ([Mark 7:31](#)). This was near where Jesus had cast 'Legion' out of the demoniac ([Mark 5:18-20](#)).

Scriptures:  
Matthew 11:28-30 - Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. 29 Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. 30 For My yoke is easy and My burden is light.

30 Then great multitudes came to Him, having

with them *the* lame, blind, mute, maimed, and

many others; and they laid them down at

Jesus' feet, and He healed them.

Notes:

The last time Jesus was here the people of that area had begged Jesus to leave after He healed the demoniac which resulted in the death of thousands of pigs.

Jesus told the man delivered from the demons to go and tell what had been done for him. It is possible that this multitude is the fruit of him doing that.

'...at Jesus' feet...' – The answer to all our troubles, difficulties, and questions is found here – at Jesus' feet. The feet that walked on water as Lord of creation is able to handle anything we bring to Him by faith.

Jesus is out in the wilderness. People hear that Jesus is there and they travel miles to get a chance to be laid at Jesus' feet for healing. It is natural for people to expend serious amounts of time and resources to tend to their physical well-being, while at the same time neglecting the state of their soul.

When we struggle with something physically, especially if pain is involved, it forces us to focus on it. The problem with the soul is that we might not notice when it is weak or sick. Most people, including many in churches, are blind to the fact that their soul is sick with sin.

As believers, we like to believe that our soul is no longer sick. We might think we have the cure – we have Jesus. Having Jesus means that our disease is no longer terminal spiritually. But just like some physical diseases, even though it is no longer terminal, it is still there and needs to be treated regularly.

Treatments for the sin-sick soul:  
Repentance and confession  
Study  
Seek help

While we are in these bodies of flesh, our soul will be sick with sin. By seeking God and walking in faith and obedience with Him we minimize the effects of our soul-sickness. Our cure is in heaven.

There is no sin-sickness Jesus can't heal. We can bring our temptations, lusts, wrong desires, wrong thoughts, painful memories, doubts, frustrations, and our guilt to Jesus and lay them at His feet and He can heal it. He can strengthen the spiritually weak. He can give courage to the fearful. He can increase our faith. We just need to come to Him and lay it at His feet and trust Him ([Matthew 11:28-30](#)). Jesus is still working miracles.

Scriptures:  
Matthew 12:22-24 -  
Then one was brought to  
Him who was demon-  
possessed, blind and mute;  
and He healed him, so that  
the blind and mute man  
both spoke and saw.  
23 And all the multitudes  
were amazed and said,  
"Could this be the Son of  
David?"  
24 Now when the Pharisees  
heard it they said, "This  
fellow does not cast out  
demons except by  
Beelzebub, the ruler of the  
demons."

31 So the multitude marveled when they saw

G2296 – be very  
amazed.

Notes:  
This is Gentile territory. Most of the  
people coming to Jesus for healing  
are Gentiles. This is supported by the  
phrase, 'the God of Israel'.

These miracles result in the Gentiles  
glorifying 'the God of Israel'. The  
miracles testified to the truth that  
Jesus was the Messiah. The same  
kinds of miracles had a different  
effect upon the religious leaders of  
Israel ([Matthew 12:22-24](#)).

*the* mute speaking, *the* maimed made whole,

G5199 – healthy,  
well.

*the* lame walking, and *the* blind seeing; and

they glorified the God of Israel.

32 Now Jesus called His disciples to *Himself*

Notes:  
Compassion is the emotion Jesus most frequently expressed. Christ's mercy is limitless just like His love.

and said, "I have compassion on the

G4697 – have pity on, have one's heart go out to.

multitude, because they have now continued

G4357 – stayed on with.

with Me three days and have nothing to eat.

And I do not want to send them away hungry,

lest they faint on the way."

Scriptures:

Mark 8:14-21 -

Now the disciples had forgotten to take bread, and they did not have more than one loaf with them in the boat. 15 Then He charged them, saying, "Take heed, beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and the leaven of Herod."

16 And they reasoned among themselves, saying, "It is because we have no bread."

17 But Jesus, being aware of it, said to them, "Why do you reason because you have no bread? Do you not yet perceive nor understand? Is your heart still hardened? 18 Having eyes, do you not see? And having ears, do you not hear? And do you not remember? 19 When I broke the five loaves for the five thousand, how many baskets full of fragments did you take up?"

They said to Him, "Twelve."

20 "Also, when I broke the seven for the four thousand, how many large baskets full of fragments did you take up?"

And they said, "Seven."

21 So He said to them, "How is it you do not understand?"

33 Then His disciples said to Him, "Where

could we get enough bread in the wilderness

to fill such a great multitude?"

Notes:

This seems like such an odd thing for them to say. It was not that long ago that they witnessed the feeding of the five thousand. Could they have forgotten that quickly? Maybe! Jesus would ask them a similar question later (Mark 8:14-21).

It would have been very hard for a Jew to imagine a Gentile as being worthy of their Messiah. It is possible they didn't think Jesus would do that kind of miracle in Gentile territory.

The last time Jesus did this miracle, the Jews tried to take Him by force and make Him king. Maybe they believed He might hesitate to do something that might result in a similar response.

Scriptures:

34 Jesus said to them, "How many loaves do

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you have?" And they said, "Seven, and a few

little fish."

Scriptures:

35 So He commanded the multitude to sit

Notes:

down on the ground.

Scriptures:

36 And He took the seven loaves and the fish

Notes:

and gave thanks, broke *them* and gave *them*

G2168 - εὐχαριστέω  
(eucharisteō) – This is  
the word we Eucharist  
from – the Lord's  
Supper – Communion.

to His disciples; and the disciples gave to the

multitude.

Scriptures:

37 So they all ate and were filled, and they

Notes:

G5526 -

took up seven large baskets full of the

fragments that were left.

Scriptures:

38 Now those who ate were four thousand

Notes:

men, besides women and children.

Scriptures:

Romans 1:16 - For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek.

Romans 10:13 - For "whoever calls on the name of the LORD shall be saved."

39 And He sent away the multitude, got into

Notes:

One of the main lessons of this text is that the gospel is for all people. While Jesus was the Jewish Messiah (Romans 1:16), He came so that the whole world could experience forgiveness of sins and eternal life (Romans 10:13).

the boat, and came to the region of Magdala.

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