

WOMAN...HOW GREAT IS YOUR FAITH

We continue our journey of faith, accompanying Jesus through the Gospel of St Matthew. On this occasion, Jesus offers rare praise—not directed at any of his disciples, nor at a priest or a teacher of the law, but rather at a foreign woman who does not belong to the people of Israel.

This encounter represents a wounded humanity that nonetheless needs God's closeness and intervention.

Jesus is accompanied by his disciples as they travel to the region of Tyre and Sidon—an area known for the worship of false gods and the practice of sorcery and magic.

First, this serves as a lesson for his disciples, helping us understand that the Gospel must be proclaimed to all nations; it is an invitation for them to go beyond their boundaries.

Secondly, through his teaching method, Jesus seeks to invite others to discover the secrets of the Kingdom.

In this context, Jesus encounters the Canaanite woman—a woman in need who cries out, "Jesus, pity on me."

At first, it seems Jesus does not heed this request; however, his intention is to purify the woman's motives and lead her, step by step, to a profession of faith.

Jesus does not wish to be viewed as a magician or a sorcerer, but as the true Son of God.

Miracles are a manifestation of God's power, urging us to establish a covenant with Him through faith.

In this woman's humility and perseverance, Jesus finds the right conditions to work this miracle.

How can we apply these teachings to our Christian lives?

First, they help us cultivate a selfless spirituality—seeking Jesus not out of self-interest, but out of love.

We come to discover that God's love knows no borders, limits, or distinctions.

And finally, our gaze and our faith must be centered on Jesus. May the One full of grace intercede for us and help us discover Jesus as the true Son of God. Amen.