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# Have pity on me, Lord, Son of David!

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At that time Jesus withdrew to the region of Tyre and Sidon.  
And behold, a Canaanite woman of that district came and called out:  
“Have pity on me, Lord, Son of David!  
My daughter is tormented by a demon.”  
But he did not say a word in answer to her.  
His disciples came and asked him:  
“Send her away, for she keeps calling out after us.”  
He said in reply:  
“I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.”  
But the woman came and did him homage, saying: “Lord, help me.”  
He said in reply:  
“It is not right to take the food of the children  
and throw it to the dogs.”  
She said: “Please, Lord, for even the dogs eat the scraps  
that fall from the table of their masters.”  
Then Jesus said to her in reply:  
“O woman, great is your faith!  
Let it be done for you as you wish.”  
And her daughter was healed from that hour.

(Mt 15:21-28)

