

MESSIAH WITHOUT BORDERS

Matthew 15:21–39

The humanitarian organization, *Doctors Without Borders*, is on a mission to mobilize doctors, nurses, and other healthcare professionals to provide medical aid to people in parts of the world where it is most dramatically lacking. If there's a need, this group attempts to cross *all borders* to meet it. God, similarly and more perfectly, is a God without borders, constantly condescending to help, provide, sustain, and save a creation in desperate need. It is important for the people of God to be reminded that they serve a God who seeks to provide aid and that, his Son—he whom he sent *into* this world because of his love *for* this world—is likewise a Messiah without borders. He goes where there is great need. As we conclude Matthew 15, we are going to see Jesus, Israel's anticipated Messiah and King, modelling a border-traversing mentality he wants all his followers to mimic, including you and I.

EXPECTED Blessings

- Humble mercy vv. 22, 25; 5:17; 9:27; 20:30–31
- Benevolent compassion v. 32; 9:36; 14:14; Zec 1:16
- Restorative power vv. 28, 30–31, 34–38; Isa 35:5–6
- Eternal reign v. 22; 1 Sam 7:12–13, 16; Isa 9:7

UNEXPECTED Recipients

- The Canaanite woman vv. 21–28
- The Gentile crowds vv. 29–39; 14:14–21

Coming EXPECTATIONS

- For the twelve vv. 23, 33; 10:5–7; 28:16–20
- For us today: *Give Jesus to all people!* 2 Cor 5:17–20