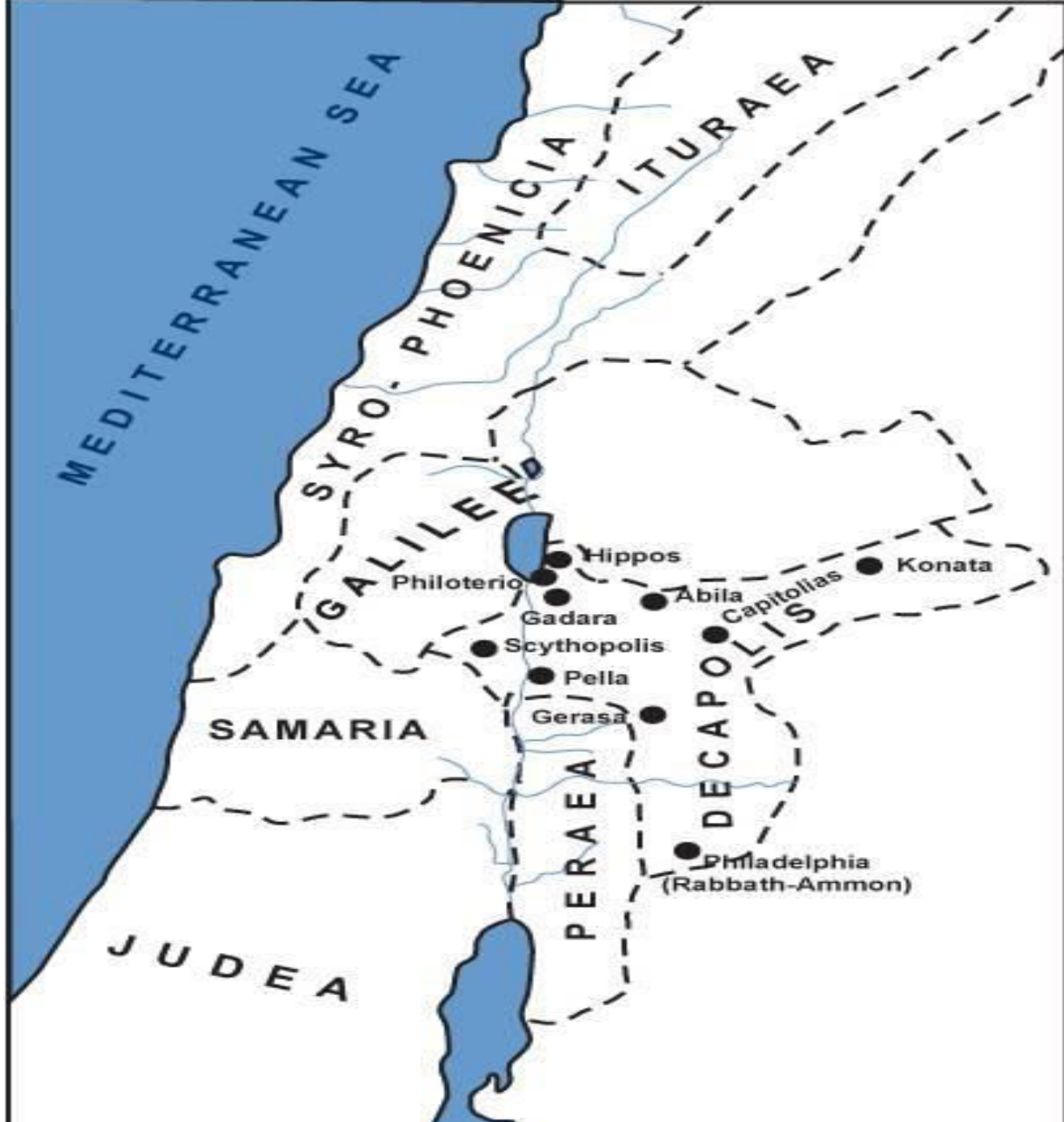


Compassion and boundaries

24 Jesus left that place and went to the vicinity of Tyre.[g] He entered a house and did not want anyone to know it; yet he could not keep his presence secret.



LUKE 6

17 He went down with them and stood on a level place. A large crowd of his disciples was there and a great number of people from all over Judea, from Jerusalem, and from the coastal region around Tyre and Sidon,

18 who had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases. Those troubled by impure spirits were cured,

MARK 7

25 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. 26 The woman was a Greek, born in Syrian Phoenicia. She begged Jesus to drive the demon out of her daughter.

One of the things that you see is that Jesus is not in Jewish territory, during the sermon on the plain, there was a lot of non-jews that came and heard Jesus and were healed, and they were from Tyre and Sidon

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In this profound encounter, Jesus interacts with a Gentile woman, showcasing both His compassion and the unfolding understanding of faith's reach beyond Israel. The woman, a Syrophenician by nationality, approaches Jesus with a desperate plea for her demon-possessed daughter.

Her status as a non-Jew highlights the theme of inclusivity in Jesus' ministry during a time when the Jewish people often viewed Gentiles as less worthy. The narrative emphasizes this woman's boldness and faith, illustrating a critical moment where cultural boundaries are challenged.

In Mark 7:26, her persistence is met with a cultural barrier as Jesus initially suggests that His ministry is directed towards the children of Israel first. However, the woman cleverly responds, demonstrating her understanding of Jesus' mission, which creates a powerful dialogue about faith and mercy.

Her interaction not only leads to her daughter's healing but also exemplifies that faith can transcend ethnic and cultural lines, revealing the heart of Jesus' mission to offer salvation to all—a vital message throughout the Gospels.

MARK 7

27 “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.”

28 “Lord,” she replied, “even the dogs under the table eat the children’s crumbs.”

It is amazing how humble this woman is!

29 Then he told her, “For such a reply, you may go; the demon has left your daughter.”

30 She went home and found her child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.

Jesus came for the Jews first, but he has stepped outside of Judea and the Jews and is touching the lives of the non – Jews and he continues to go further outside the Jewish community