

Matthew Recap

Matthew 13.53-16.20: Who is Jesus?

- Nazarenes – one of us
- Herod – John the Baptist raised from the dead
- Disciples - the Son of God

Jesus' identity seen through unprecedented demonstrations of authority

- Walking on water
- Declaring all food clean

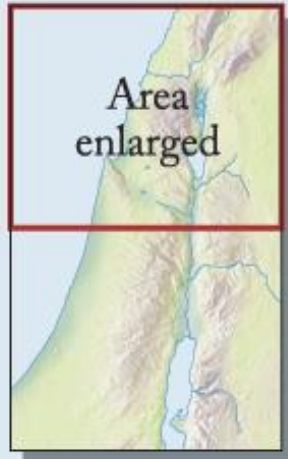
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What Makes Her Faith Great?

Faith – a willingness to act on what we believe to be true

Elements on display:

- **Boldness** – breaks through 2 significant social/cultural boundaries (male/female, Jew/Gentile)
- **Humility** – ‘Lord,’ kneels before Jesus, accepts label of ‘dog’
- **Persistence** – continues to ask for help in face of 3 rejections

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How to 'great-en' our faith:

Grow in confidence in God's willingness/ability to act

- Read the Bible
- Keep a record of God's activity

Boldness – remember our identity and His mercy/grace

- Make specific requests
- Pray out loud

Humility – remember our smallness and His greatness

- Hold expectations loosely
- Worship

Persistence – don't give up

- Keep asking

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