## Commentary on the Gospel for Wed, Aug 8th 2012

In theory, the Phoenician cities of Tyre and Sidon, belonged to Israel. Under Joshua the land was divided: the tribe of Asher was given the land "as far as Sidon the Great" and to "the fortress city of Tyre" (Joshua 19:28f). But they had never been able to subdue these cities and take possession of the surrounding territory. But where Joshua and his armies failed, another Joshua (which is the Hebrew for 'Jesus') conquered with love.

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