

## Mark 8:1-21

**V1-10** – Almost a Word for Word Repeating of the Jesus' Miracle of the Feeding of the 5K of Chapter 6

\* Only differences - 7 Loaves (instead of 5); 7 LARGE baskets (vs. 12 baskets); 4K vs 5K

\* Obviously Repeating! What are we suppose to learn?

1. Purposeful Repeating.

**Mark 6:52**<sup>52</sup> For they had not understood about the loaves, because their heart was hardened.

2. Jesus is Compassionate - He sees needs. Jesus cares! He does something about it!

**Mark 1:41**<sup>41</sup> Then Jesus, moved with compassion, stretched out His hand and touched him, and said to him, "I am willing; be cleansed."

**Exodus 34:6**<sup>6</sup> And the Lord passed before him and proclaimed, "The Lord, the Lord God, merciful (compassionate) and gracious, longsuffering, and abounding in goodness and truth,

3. Jesus Operates in the Realm of Miracles! – Not just supernatural – In the Realm of the Impossible!  
Application – Bring our impossibilities to Jesus!

4. Jesus wants to use US in his work!

Application – Be available. Be willing to learn. Be willing to be used for Him to work Miracles through!

5. Jesus wasn't into numbers! –

\* We say Feeding of the 5,000 (Actually more like 10-15K); Here Feeding of the 4,000 (8-12K?)

\* Started w/More Food – Fed less People – Ended up with less Left Offers!

\* Think Jesus was bummed out?

\* Isn't that how we as a church often measure success!

\* How many people? Include children? How many services? How many were baptized?

\* Number of people this week compared to this week last year; YTD compared to LY; Offering...

\* Church in the Park, Christmas Eve, Easter, 1<sup>st</sup> Service, 2<sup>nd</sup> Service, Wed Night...

**Application** - The measure of success isn't numbers – It's blessing God, being in God's will, obeying God!!!

## **V11-12**

\* Remember he left the region went North to Tyre/Sidon; Southeast to Decapolis; He's back – They're back!

\* THEY sought a sign – Seen Lame Healed, Possessed set Free, Deaf Speak, Dead Raised – Seek/Sign???

\* Real question is why do WE seek for a sign from Him?

\* Do we have enough evidence to support his claims?

\* We have Manuscript Evidence (The Word)

\* We have Prophecy Evidence (Fulfillment of/Possibilities of in One Man),

\* We have external Biblical Sources Evidence (Writers, Historians),

\* We have Archeology Evidence – ISRAEL! - The Bible in the British Museum!!!

\* We have an empty tomb!!! Not just Family/Friends & Followers...

\* NO – But Critics/Skeptics/Haters of Jesus have an Empty tomb!!!

\* Soldiers/Captain/Battalion/Regimental/Division Commanders; Priests, Pharisees, Sadducees, Scribes; The Governor/Pontius Pilot; Herods; Everyone has an empty tomb!!!

\* The whole world from that Sunday morning to this Sunday morning can deny it – we choose to celebrate it!!!

**Matthew 16:4**<sup>4</sup> A wicked and adulterous generation seeks after a sign, and no sign shall be given to it except the sign of the prophet Jonah." (HIS RESURRECTION) And He left them and departed.

**Application** – No one needs any more signs that what has been given to choose to believe in Jesus!

## **V13-21**

\* Chastened this disciples – They had the same potential problem – Seeing/Not seeing, Hearing/Not hearing

\* Beware of the leaven of the Pharisees & of Herod

\* Pharisees – Religion

**Luke 12:1** ...He began to say to His disciples first of all, “Beware of the leaven of the Pharisees, which is hypocrisy.

**Matthew 23:27-28** <sup>27</sup>“Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you are like whitewashed tombs which indeed appear beautiful outwardly, but inside are full of dead men’s bones and all uncleanness. <sup>28</sup>Even so you also outwardly appear righteous to men, but inside you are full of hypocrisy and lawlessness.

\* Herod – Politician: Hearing One Thing – Doing Another

**Matthew 2:1-7 & 16** – Herod (The Great) heard that the King of the Jews was born – Killed Babies

**Mark 6:19-20** <sup>19</sup>Therefore Herodias held it against him and wanted to kill him, but she could not; <sup>20</sup>for Herod (Antipas, son of Herod/Great) feared John, knowing that he was a just and holy man, and he protected him. And when he heard him, he did many things, and heard (Gk – Imperfect = Kept hearing) him gladly...Killed Him

**Luke 23:6-12** – Herod (Antipas, son of Herod/Great, Ruler over Galilee) heard many things about Jesus and wanted to see Him – Sent Him back to be killed

\* What is Jesus saying to His disciples:

1. Beware of the Hypocrisy of Religion

**James 1:26-27** <sup>26</sup>If anyone among you thinks he is religious, and does not bridle his tongue but deceives his own heart, this one’s religion is useless. <sup>27</sup>Pure and undefiled religion before God and the Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their trouble, and to keep oneself unspotted from the world.

2. Do not merely hear the word of God – But Believe the Word of God

**That’s exactly what John said earlier**

**John 1:10-12** <sup>10</sup>He was in the world, and the world was made through Him, and the world did not know Him.

<sup>11</sup>He came to His own, and His own did not receive Him. <sup>12</sup>But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name:

**But Jesus says:**

**John 3:16** <sup>16</sup>For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

**Matthew 8:13** <sup>13</sup>Then Jesus said to the centurion, “Go your way; and as you have believed, so let it be done for you.” And his servant was healed that same hour.

**Matthew 21:22** <sup>22</sup>And whatever things you ask in prayer, believing, you will receive.”

**John 10:25** <sup>25</sup>Jesus answered them, “I told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in My Father’s name, they bear witness of Me.

**John 11:25** <sup>25</sup>Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live.