

Mark 8

King James Version (KJV)

8 In those days the multitude being very great, and having nothing to eat, Jesus called his disciples unto him, and saith unto them, (Jesus had been teaching a large group of people in the desert)

²I have compassion on the multitude, because they have now been with me three days, and have nothing to eat: (Not only physically hungry, but also spiritually hungry for knowledge and wisdom from God. They don't yet understand Jesus' teachings)

³And if I send them away fasting to their own houses, they will faint by the way: for divers of them came from far. (They had traveled on foot to hear Jesus)

⁴And his disciples answered him, From whence can a man satisfy these men with bread here in the wilderness? (Even after the first feeding, they still don't get it. God can feed everyone; physically and spiritually)

⁵And he asked them, How many loaves have ye? And they said, Seven.

⁶And he commanded the people to sit down on the ground: and he took the seven loaves, and gave thanks, and brake, and gave to his disciples to set before them; and they did set them before the people. (Loaves of bread – Jesus is the Bread of Life, spiritually speaking)

⁷And they had a few small fishes: and he blessed, and commanded to set them also before them. (Fishes - Ichthys – An acronym in Greek: Jesus Christ, Son of God, Savior-> symbolized by a fish sign, even today)

⁸So they did eat, and were filled: and they took up of the broken meat that was left seven baskets. (Again, more fragments – symbolic for the changes that men will make to God's Word, to turn it into traditions of men) (Many of these people were there to witness miracles and to eat fish sandwiches; not to learn the Word of God)

⁹And they that had eaten were about four thousand: and he sent them away. (4,000 men as well as their women and children)

(Unfortunately, many people were there to see Jesus perform miracles and to get fed – dinner and a show) (But some of the people became Christians)

¹⁰ And straightway he entered into a ship with his disciples, and came into the parts of Dalmanutha. (Dalmanutha = cold fountain)

¹¹ And the Pharisees came forth, and began to question with him, seeking of him a sign from heaven, tempting him. (They aren't asking for enlightenment. They're trying to trip Him up, so they can prosecute Him)

¹² And he sighed deeply in his spirit, and saith, Why doth this generation seek after a sign? verily I say unto you, There shall no sign be given unto this generation. (generation = progeny, offspring; better translation. These guys are Kenites)

¹³ And he left them, and entering into the ship again departed to the other side.

¹⁴ Now the disciples had forgotten to take bread, neither had they in the ship with them more than one loaf.

¹⁵ And he charged them, saying, Take heed, beware of the leaven of the Pharisees, and of the leaven of Herod. (Beware of the false doctrines of men. Stay with the Word of God) See Mathew-16:11

¹⁶ And they reasoned among themselves, saying, It is because we have no bread. (They don't get it either)

¹⁷ And when Jesus knew it, he saith unto them, Why reason ye, because ye have no bread? perceive ye not yet, neither understand? have ye your heart yet hardened? (Hardened into the traditions of men and of the world; we dwell on our earthly problems and overlook the much more important opportunities to be with God for eternity. That's where we should be focused)

¹⁸ Having eyes, see ye not? and having ears, hear ye not? and do ye not remember? (These guys were raised, hearing the false teachings and traditions of men. It is difficult to wake up people who have been so indoctrinated with lies)

¹⁹ When I brake the five loaves among five thousand, how many baskets full of fragments took ye up? They say unto him, Twelve.

²⁰ And when the seven among four thousand, how many baskets full of fragments took ye up? And they said, Seven.

²¹ And he said unto them, How is it that ye do not understand? (The fragments are the changes that men make, when they teach the Word of God. These changes or additions become traditions of men. They should be teaching God's Word unchanged)

²² And he cometh to Bethsaida; and they bring a blind man unto him, and besought him to touch him.

²³ And he took the blind man by the hand, and led him out of the town; and when he had spit on his eyes, and put his hands upon him, he asked him if he saw ought. (What do you see?)

²⁴ And he looked up, and said, I see men as trees, walking. (God referred to people as trees in other Books; His plantings. The man is seeing spiritually)

²⁵ After that he put his hands again upon his eyes, and made him look up: and he was restored, and saw every man clearly. (Most people can see physically; few people can see spiritually)

²⁶ And he sent him away to his house, saying, Neither go into the town, nor tell it to any in the town. (It was not yet time for Jesus to complete His ministry; the crucifixion and resurrection – the New Covenant)

²⁷ And Jesus went out, and his disciples, into the towns of Caesarea Philippi: and by the way he asked his disciples, saying unto them, Whom do men say that I am?

²⁸ And they answered, John the Baptist; but some say, Elias; and others, One of the prophets. (No one said - God with us)

²⁹ And he saith unto them, But whom say ye that I am? And Peter answereth and saith unto him, Thou art the Christ. (The anointed one <Christos in the Greek>) see Mathew-16:16-19 (God revealed that to them)

³⁰ And he charged them that they should tell no man of him. (It wasn't yet time for Jesus to end His ministry)

³¹ And he began to teach them, that the Son of man must suffer many things, and be rejected of the elders, and of the chief priests, and scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. (Jesus told them everything they needed to know. The Kenites were going to kill Him, as was prophesied 2000 years earlier in Genesis-3:15)

³² And he spake that saying openly. And Peter took him, and began to rebuke him. (Peter loved Jesus and he thought he could protect Him. This was a mistake. If Peter interfered, he would have been going against God's Plan)

³³ But when he had turned about and looked on his disciples, he rebuked Peter, saying, Get thee behind me, Satan: for thou savourest not the things that be of God, but the things that be of men. (Don't let men's habitual behavior interfere with the plan of God. Peter was being deceived by Satan by trying to interfere) see Psalms-22 (The crucifixion was prophesied by God, through King David, 1000 years earlier)

³⁴ And when he had called the people unto him with his disciples also, he said unto them, Whosoever will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me. (The world hates Christians. They make everything difficult for Christianity)

³⁵ For whosoever will save his life shall lose it; but whosoever shall lose his life for my sake and the gospel's, the same shall save it. (The ways of the world go against the Word of God. We must choose one or the other)

³⁶ For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? (That's what is most important)

³⁷ Or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul? (What could possibly be more valuable than having eternal life with God?)

³⁸ Whosoever therefore shall be ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation; of him also shall the Son of man be ashamed, when he cometh in the glory of his Father with the holy angels. (Abandon Jesus and He will abandon you)