

November 23, 2014
The Bridge Bible Fellowship
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Mark 8:1-21

“Déjà Vu”

10. A Trek through Gentile Lands (7:24-8:10)

a. Miraculous Healings (7:24-37)

- 1) A Defiled, “Defiled” Child (7:24-30 – cf. Mt. 15:21-28)
- 2) A Deaf-Mute Man (7:31-37 – cf. Isaiah 35)

b. Miraculous Feeding (8:1-10 – cf. Mt. 15:32-38)

- **Similarities with Mark 6:33-46**

- **Differences:**
 - Location:
 - Time:
 - Activity:
 - Number:
 - Baskets: small baskets (kóphivos) vs. large baskets (spurídas)
 - Boat:
 - **Biggest Difference =**

11. The Problem of Blindness (8:11-33)

a. Permanently Blind (8:11-13 cf. Mt. 15:39-16:4)

b. Temporarily Blind (8:14-33)

- 1) **Spiritually (8:14-21 cf. Mt. 16:5-12)**

Discussion & Application:

1. Why does Mark tell a second story of feeding a large crowd so soon after the first one (6:33-46 & 8:1-21)? What is the most significant difference in the two stories?
2. The Jews treated Gentiles as “unclean” or “outcasts.” They didn’t want to go near them. Are there any people we treat as “unclean” today? If so, why do we do it? Based on this passage of Scripture how should we treat them?
3. Why are the Pharisees (and Sadducees – Mt. 16:1-4) asking Jesus for a sign from heaven? Why don’t they believe based on the signs He has already given to them?
4. Why is Jesus so abrupt with the Pharisees? Why does He “leave” them?
5. What is keeping the disciples from understanding the implications of the miracles that Jesus is performing?
6. Below are the questions Jesus asked the disciples in Mark 8 but paraphrased for us today. Answer them honestly, and then determine if there are things you need to do differently starting today. Be very practical and specific.
 - a. Are we preoccupied with the temporal things of life? v. 17
 - b. Are we too often unconcerned with spiritual priorities? v. 17
 - c. Are our hearts hardened against the truth of God? v. 17
 - d. Do we too easily forget the ways God has worked in our lives? v. 18-20
 - e. Do we really understand what it means to believe? v. 21