

Kingdom and Conflict: Signs and Sighs, Part 2

Mark 8: 1-21

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Introduction: Staples and Office Depot

- **What Mark had to work with to record scripture was a little more than an inconvenience.**
- **With space at a premium, why did Mark get redundant on miraculous feedings?**

I. The Story

a. Feeding the 4,000

- i. **Two chapters ago – the feeding of 5,000 men**
- ii. **Jesus was in Decapolis – 10 cities north and south of the east side of the sea of Galilee.**
- iii. **Jesus is in a whole new region with a different demographic and political structure.**
- iv. **4,000 people now hanging on to his every word so that they even neglected to eat!!**
- v. **Jesus had compassion.**
- vi. **Jesus prayed – twice. cf feeding of the 5,000 – Jesus prayed once**
- vii. **Afterwards He left for Dalmanthua**
- viii. **Mark 8: 10-10**

b. The Pharisees get Belligerent

- i. **They demand a sign**
- ii. **Sign is a miracle and wonder by which God authenticates the folks sent by Him.**
- iii. **Jesus had been busy:**
 1. **Calmed a storm**
 2. **Healed a demon possessed man**
 3. **Raised a dead girl**
 4. **Healed a sick woman**
 5. **Fed 5,000**
 6. **Walked on water**
 7. **Healed a woman of an evil spirit**
 8. **Made the deaf to hear and mute to speak**
- iv. **The Pharisees had at least a nodding acquaintance of these miracles**
- v. **The Pharisees were too greedy, self centered, self absorbed, selfish, entitled, angry defensive and/or apologetic – but it was their sin that compelled them to have unopened eyes and unreceptive hearts.**
- vi. **Jesus sighed.**

c. The Leaven of the Pharisees

- i. **Only one loaf to feed all of them – the disciples were sweating it!**
- ii. **The leaven of the Pharisees and Herod - the same thing:**
 1. **Refusing to follow the light they already had.**

II. Take Away

- a. **Why would Mark include such a similar story – with the difficulty of the tools.**