

Series "The God Who Serves"
"Our Gracious Provider"
Mark 8:1-10
Study-27

Psalm 132:15

Feeding of the 5000, which is recorded in all 4 Gospels; only miracle.

Feeding of the 4000, which is recorded in two of the Gospels (Matthew 15:32-39; Mark 8:1-10)

Jesus Said They Were 2 Different Events: Mark 8:19-20

Thought Of Our Passage: "Jesus Christ Is The Bread Of Life For The Entire World, Who Has Compassion And Love For All Persons"

1. Verses 1-3 – The Compassion Of Jesus

2. Verses 4-10 – The Provision Of Jesus

1. Verses 1-3 – The Compassion Of Jesus:

Mark 8:1

"In those days" – again, Jesus is ministering in Decapolis

Mark 7:37

(Matthew Gives A Brief Commentary) Matthew 15:30-31

"disciple" – "A follower of the teacher and His teaching"; Not all that attend services, or claim Jesus, are disciples!

Mark 8:2

"compassion" – literally, "gut-wrenching, hence to be moved with compassion"; Compassion from the Latin, "to suffer with, to suffer, to feel"

Compassion – 9X used of Jesus (Only time it says it of Jesus in the first person)

Luke 1:78

Psalm 78 – God's Guidance In Spite Of His People's Unfaithfulness:

Psalm 78: 35-38

Psalm 111:4

Lamentations 3:22-23

Mark 6: Feeding The 5000 – The Jew's (God's Unlimited Resources)

Mark 8: Feeding The 4000 – The Gentiles (God's Compassion For The World)

Jesus Counted The Days: "they have remained with Me now three days, and have nothing to eat;"

Mark 8:3

Jesus' Concern For The Weary: "If I send them away hungry to their home, they will faint on the way;" – 40 days in the wilderness (Matthew 4)

"faint" – "to collapse, to come unstrung like a bow, to be made limp"

(NLT) Psalm 139:1-5

2. Verses 4-10 – The Provision Of Jesus:

Mark 8:4

We Are So Quick To Forget God's Works!

Mark 8:13-21

Does our past experience with Jesus help us to face new situations with courage and confidence?

Disciples made the mistake of viewing the need of the crowd on a material and earthly plane.

I think, at the heart of this question is, "Jesus do you really want to meet the need of these Gentiles?"

Mark 8:5

"Loaves" – like the bottom of a hamburger bun and even thinner; Flat bread.

Mark 8:6

Jesus Gives Direction – “And He directed the multitude to sit down on the ground;”

“and taking the seven loaves, He gave thanks” – Being thankful, giving thanks!

Romans 1:21

“and broke them,” – Greek: “He kept on breaking them”; Process, it was ongoing!

“they served them to the multitude.” – Literally, “He kept giving to them”; God will never quit until the need is met.

“We Are Not Manufacturers But We Are Distributors”

Mark 8:7-8

“And they ate and were satisfied;” – “to fill, to fatten, satisfy the desire of anyone”

They ate the Spiritual Food (Been with Jesus 3 days) and the Physical Food. Matt. 4:4

Don't Waste God's Resources: “picked up seven large baskets full of what was left over of the broken pieces.”

Feeding The 5000 – they picked up 12 baskets (Bread Baskets).

“large baskets” – literally, “Hampers”, Acts 9:25

Seven – in Scripture speaks of “manifestation of God, completeness, God's fulness”; Jesus is the God of the Jews and the Gentiles.

Mark 7:27-28

Jesus is the same this morning; there is no need for any to leave hungry!

Deuteronomy 8:3

Isaiah 55:1-2

Mark 8:9

Matt 15:38

Mark 8:10

“immediately” – 49x in this Gospel; the king who serves, able and willing to serve.

“came to the district of Dalmanutha.” – Between Magdala and Capernaum, which some archaeologists think was probably Dalmanutha.

Application:

1. Jesus Christ Is The Bread Of Life For The Entire World.
2. The Compassion And Love Of Jesus Extends To All Persons.
3. Does Our Past Experience With Jesus Help Us To Face New Situations With Courage And Confidence?
4. Jesus Wants To Use What Little We Have, Knowing The Miraculous Takes Place When We Place It In His Hands.
5. We Are Not Manufacturers But We Are Distributors.