



Day 1

 Please pray for holy guidance and insight before you begin today’s study.

*Jesus Feeds the Four Thousand*

 We studied a similar event in Mark 6:30-44.

<sup>1</sup> During those days another large crowd gathered. Since they had nothing to eat, Jesus called his disciples to him and said, <sup>2</sup> "I have compassion for these people; they have already been with me three days and have nothing to eat."

Q1. What three things do you find remarkable in verse 2 and why?

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<sup>3</sup> "If I send them home hungry, they will collapse on the way, because some of them have come a long distance."

<sup>4</sup> His disciples answered, "But where in this remote place can anyone get enough bread to feed them?"

Q2. What does the disciples’ answer imply about their faith in their Leader?

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<sup>5</sup> "How many loaves do you have?" Jesus asked.

"Seven," they replied.

<sup>6</sup> He told the crowd to sit down on the ground. When he had taken the seven loaves and given thanks, he broke them and gave them to his disciples to set before the people, and they did so. <sup>7</sup> They had a few small fish as well; he gave thanks for them also and told the disciples to distribute them.

Q3. Jesus, who is Lord, even gave thanks before eating. Why do we, who follow Jesus, have a hard time bowing our heads and giving thanks to God when in a restaurant?

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<sup>8</sup> The people ate and were satisfied. Afterward the disciples picked up seven basketfuls of broken pieces that were left over.

Q4. Why did Jesus ask His disciples to pick-up the leftovers?

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<sup>9a</sup> About four thousand men were present.

Q5. Was the crowd, the audience, limited to only “four thousand men”?

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# Lesson 09: Mark 8:1 – 9:1

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<sup>9b</sup> And having sent them away, <sup>10</sup> he got into the boat with his disciples and went to the region of Dalmanutha.

Magadan / Magdala (west side of the Sea of Galilee) is also known as Dalmanutha



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<sup>11</sup> The Pharisees came and began to question Jesus. To test him, they asked him for a sign from heaven. <sup>12</sup> He sighed deeply and said, "Why does this generation ask for a miraculous sign? I tell you the truth, no sign will be given to it."

Q6. What were the Pharisees' motives in testing Jesus? What did they hope to accomplish?

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Q7. Why did Jesus "sigh"?

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Q8. You would think that this may have been a "teachable moment". Why did the Lord refuse their request?

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<sup>13</sup> Then he left them, got back into the boat, and crossed to the other side.


Day 2

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*The Yeast of the Pharisees and Herod*

<sup>14</sup>The disciples had forgotten to bring bread, except for one loaf they had with them in the boat.

 In the Middle Eastern culture of Jesus’ time bread was an important food. As such, the ingredients of bread were common knowledge.

 Leaven: 1. An agent, such as yeast, that causes batter or dough to rise, especially by fermentation. 2. An element, influence, or agent that works subtly to lighten, enliven, or modify a whole. [Source: <https://www.thefreedictionary.com/leaven>]

<sup>15</sup>"Be careful," Jesus warned them. "Watch out for the yeast of the Pharisees and that of Herod."

Q9. When a baker adds yeast to bread dough, is the yeast worked through all of the dough? Why?

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Q10. What might the “yeast” in verse 15 represent? And why did Jesus call-out both the Pharisees and Herod?

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Q11. If Jesus’ disciples wanted to ‘please the Pharisees’, what would the disciples have to do?

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Q12. What affect would this ‘pleasing the Pharisees’ have on Jesus’ teachings?

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Q13. If we say to ourselves: “It’s just a little sin and everybody’s doin’ it.” Is it really okay? What normally happens to us humans if we give ourselves an inch?

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<sup>16</sup>They discussed this with one another and said, "It is because we have no bread."

<sup>17</sup>Aware of their discussion, Jesus asked them: "Why are you talking about having no bread? Do you still not see or understand? Are your hearts hardened? <sup>18</sup>Do you have eyes but fail to see, and ears but fail to hear?"

Q14. Jesus asked four questions. What were the questions? And what was the purpose of His questions?

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Q15. What is Jesus talking about? What are the disciples not seeing or hearing?

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Q16. Does that ever happen to us today?

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<sup>18b</sup> And don't you remember? <sup>19</sup> When I broke the five loaves for the five thousand, how many basketfuls of pieces did you pick up?"  
"Twelve," they replied.


<sup>20</sup> "And when I broke the seven loaves for the four thousand, how many basketfuls of pieces did you pick up?"

They answered, "Seven."

<sup>21</sup> He said to them, "Do you still not understand?"


Q14. What was Jesus trying to teach His followers?

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 Fortunately, we have the written Word of God:

**Matthew 16:11-12** [Jesus is teaching His disciples.] <sup>11</sup> "How is it you don't understand that I was not talking to you about bread? But be on your guard against the yeast of the Pharisees and Sadducees." <sup>12</sup> Then they understood that he was not telling them to guard against the yeast used in bread, but against the teaching of the Pharisees and Sadducees.

**Day 3**

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***The Healing of a Blind Man at Bethsaida***

<sup>22</sup> They came to Bethsaida, and some people brought a blind man and begged Jesus to touch him. <sup>23</sup> He took the blind man by the hand and led him outside the village. When he had spit on the man's eyes and put his hands on him, Jesus asked, "Do you see anything?"

Q17. Why did He lead the man outside the village?

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Q18. Some people were healed by simply touching the hem of Jesus' garment. Why did Jesus have to actually "spit on the man's eyes and touch him"?

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<sup>24</sup> He looked up and said, "I see people; they look like trees walking around."

Q19. Why wasn't the man healed completely?

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<sup>25</sup> Once more Jesus put his hands on the man's eyes. Then his eyes were opened, his sight was restored, and he saw everything clearly.

Q20. Do you think the man's faith in Jesus was stronger after he reported that people "look like trees walking around" (verse 24)?

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Q21. Is faith of people important to Jesus as He ministers to them? And as He heals them?


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<sup>26</sup> Jesus sent him home, saying, "Don't go into the village."

Q22. Why would Jesus tell the man "Don't go into the village"?

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**Day 4**

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***Peter's Confession of Christ***


<sup>27</sup> Jesus and his disciples went on to the villages around Caesarea Philippi. On the way he asked them, "Who do people say I am?"

<sup>28</sup> They replied, "Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets."

<sup>29</sup> "But what about you?" he asked. "Who do you say I am?"

Peter answered, "You are the Christ."

<sup>30</sup> Jesus warned them not to tell anyone about him.

 Caesarea Philippi: northern part of the map at the top of page 2

**Ephesians 2:8** For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith – and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God – 9 not by works, so that no one can boast.

Q23. [Ephesians 2:8] What is "grace"?

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Q24. [Ephesians 2:9] What is "works"?

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Q25. [Ephesians 2:8] What does "you have been saved" mean?

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Q26. [Ephesians 2:8] What is “faith”?

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**Psalm 100:3** Know that the LORD is God. It is He who made us, and we are His; we are His people, the sheep of His pasture.

Q27. [Psalm 100:3] Do we know that God made us?

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Q28. [Psalm 100:3] Do we act as if “we are His”? Or are we our own person?

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**Acts 17:24-31**

<sup>24</sup>The God who made the world and everything in it is the Lord of heaven and earth and does not live in temples built by hands. <sup>25</sup> And He is not served by human hands, as if He needed anything, because He himself gives all men life and breath and everything else. <sup>26</sup>From one man He made every nation of men, that they should inhabit the whole earth; and He determined the times set for them and the exact places where they should live. <sup>27</sup> God did this so that men would seek Him and perhaps reach out for Him and find Him, though He is not far from each one of us. <sup>28</sup>For in Him we live and move and have our being.’ As some of your own poets have said, 'We are his offspring.'  
<sup>29</sup>Therefore since we are God's offspring, we should not think that the divine being is like gold or silver or stone -- an image made by man's design and skill. <sup>30</sup>In the past God overlooked such ignorance, but now He commands all people everywhere to repent. <sup>31</sup>For He has set a day when He will judge the world with justice by the man He has appointed. He has given proof of this to all men by raising Him from the dead."

**Romans 3:10-12** As it is written: "There is no one righteous, not even one; <sup>11</sup> there is no one who understands, no one who seeks God. <sup>12</sup> All have turned away, they have together become worthless; there is no one who does good, not even one." [Psalms 14:1-3; 53:1-3; Ecclesiastes 7:20]

**Romans 3:20** Therefore no one will be declared righteous in his sight by observing the law; rather, through the law we become conscious of sin.

**Romans 3:23** for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,

**Isaiah 53:5-6** But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was upon him, and by his wounds we are healed. <sup>6</sup> We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to his own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

**John 5:24** "I tell you the truth, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life and will not be condemned; he has crossed over from death to life.

**1 Peter 2:24** He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed.

**John 14:6** Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

**Acts 1:9-10** After he [Jesus] said this, he was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid him from their sight. <sup>10</sup>They were looking intently up into the sky as he was going, when suddenly two men [angels] dressed in white stood beside them.

**Acts 2:14, 22-24, 32, 36** *Peter Addresses the Crowd*

<sup>14</sup>Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd: "Fellow Jews and all of you who live in Jerusalem, let me explain this to you; listen carefully to what I say.

<sup>22</sup>"Men of Israel, listen to this: Jesus of Nazareth was a man accredited by God to you by miracles, wonders and signs, which God did among you through him, as you yourselves know. <sup>23</sup>This man was handed over to you by God's set purpose and

foreknowledge; and you, with the help of wicked men, put him to death by nailing him to the cross. <sup>24</sup> But God raised him from the dead, freeing him from the agony of death, because it was impossible for death to keep its hold on him.

<sup>32</sup> God has raised this Jesus to life, and we are all witnesses of the fact.

<sup>36</sup> "Therefore let all Israel be assured of this: God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Christ."

**Ephesians 2:1-10** *Made Alive in Christ*

<sup>1</sup> As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins, <sup>2</sup> in which you used to live when you followed the ways of this world and of the ruler of the kingdom of the air, the spirit who is now at work in those who are disobedient. <sup>3</sup> All of us also lived among them at one time, gratifying the cravings of our sinful nature and following its desires and thoughts. Like the rest, we were by nature objects of wrath. <sup>4</sup> But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, <sup>5</sup> made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions -- it is by grace you have been saved. <sup>6</sup> And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus, <sup>7</sup> in order that in the coming ages he might show the incomparable riches of his grace, expressed in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus. <sup>8</sup> For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith -- and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God -- <sup>9</sup> not by works, so that no one can boast. <sup>10</sup> For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

Would you like to receive Jesus Christ as your Savior from sin and Lord of you life? If so, would you pray right now?

Abba Father, I know that I have sinned. I have not obeyed your Word. I have tried to run my own life, ignoring You and Your will for me. I have tried to decide for myself what is right and wrong. I know I deserve Your wrath and punishment and that I am lost unless you save me. I thank you for sending the Lord Jesus Christ to pay for my sin and guilt. I thank you for raising Him from the dead and giving Him authority over my life. I receive Him as my Savior and Lord. I receive Your free gift of eternal life in Christ. I will turn from my sinful life to serve you, my Creator and Redeemer. Praise be to You !!! In the Name above all names – Christ Jesus of Nazareth – I pray. Amen.

Trust (be assured) that having received Christ into your life, you are sealed with God's Holy Spirit and stamped with God's name on you. You may or may not "feel" different, but you don't need to. Your trust is not based on your feelings but on the authority of the Word of God and His promises to you.

John 1:12-13

1 Corinthians 6:19-20

2 Corinthians 5:17

1 John 5:12-13


2 Corinthians 1:21-22

One last thing. Please tell someone (or two) that you have accepted Christ Jesus as your personal Lord and Savior. This is to fulfill the request of the Apostle Paul in Romans 10 and quickens your decision.

**Romans 10:9-10** That if you confess with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. <sup>10</sup> For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved.

Pray. Study God's Word. Obey God's Word. Give thanks for all things.

Day 5

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Our study of Mark 8 continues

*Jesus Predicts His Death*

<sup>31</sup> He then began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders, chief priests, and teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and after three days rise again.

Q29. To what event was Jesus referring?

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Q30. Is this ‘event’ important to salvation? Why?

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Q31. What would happen to us without this ‘event’?

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**1 Corinthians 15:13-18** [Paul wrote,] “If there is no resurrection of the dead, then not even Christ has been raised. <sup>14</sup> And if Christ has not been raised, our preaching is useless and so is your faith. <sup>15</sup> More than that, we are then found to be false witnesses about God, for we have testified about God that he raised Christ from the dead. But he did not raise him if in fact the dead are not raised. <sup>16</sup> For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised either. <sup>17</sup> And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins. <sup>18</sup> Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ are lost. <sup>19</sup> If only for this life we have hope in Christ, we are to be pitied more than all men.”

<sup>32</sup> He spoke plainly about this, and Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him.

Q32. Why do you think Peter was upset?

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<sup>33</sup> But when Jesus turned and looked at his disciples, he rebuked Peter. "Get behind me, Satan!" he said. "You do not have in mind the things of God, but the things of men."

Q33. Do you think that Jesus really thought that Peter was “Satan”?

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Q34. How could Peter go from such a high, “You are the Christ” to such a low, “[Jesus] rebuked Peter”?


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Q35. To what “things of God” was Jesus referring?

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**Day 6**

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<sup>34</sup> Then he called the crowd to him along with his disciples and said: "If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross and follow me.

Q36. What did Jesus mean when He said, “he must deny himself”?

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Q37. Was Jesus suggesting that we, too, must be crucified? What does “take up his cross” mean?

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Q38. Since Jesus is no longer walking this earth, are we, too, able to “follow me”?

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<sup>35</sup> For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for me and for the gospel will save it.

Q39. Are we actually supposed to die for Jesus?

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Q40. It is built into us to want to live; what did Jesus mean “whoever wants to save his life will lose it”?

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<sup>36</sup> What good is it for a man to gain the whole world, yet forfeit his soul?

Q41. Is it wrong to want to obtain luxuries in this world for our families and ourselves?

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<sup>37</sup> Or what can a man give in exchange for his soul?

Q42. What does this mean “give in exchange for his soul”?

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<sup>38</sup> If anyone is ashamed of me and my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, the Son of Man will be ashamed of him when he comes in his Father's glory with the holy angels."

Q43. Can you think of times when we might be "ashamed" of Jesus?

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Q44. When Jesus said "this adulterous and sinful generation" was He referring to only to His generation or does it extend to ours?

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**Matthew 10:33** [Jesus said,] <sup>33</sup> But whoever disowns me before men, I will disown him before my Father in heaven.

Q45. What is the relevance to us of Jesus stating "[I] will be ashamed of him" or "[I] will disown him before my Father"?

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### Mark 9

<sup>1</sup> And He said to them, "I tell you the truth, some who are standing here will not taste death before they see the kingdom of God come with power."

Q46. What does "taste death" mean?

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Q47. What do you think Jesus meant by "they see the kingdom of God come with power"?

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