

LESSON 26

MARK 8:1-9

REVIEW:

In our last lesson, Jesus healed a man who lived on the edge of the country of Decapolis. Mark 7:37 tells us about Jesus. It says,

"He hath done all things well; He maketh and the ." Jesus had done another great miracle in Decapolis, Mark 5:1-20. After Jesus had cast out many demons from the man, what did verse 20 say he did?

JESUS FEEDS THE 4000



Find Decapolis on your map. It is on the east side of the Sea of Galilee and the Jordan River. Some Jews and many Gentiles lived in this country. After Jesus sent the many demons out of the man into the pigs, the people asked Jesus to leave their country, Mark 5:17.

Choose the right answer:

- After Jesus sent the demons out of the man, the man must have been a good witness. When Jesus came back to Decapolis, (a. a few; b. a multitude; c. a very great multitude) came to meet Him.
- 2. Choose two answers to this one: So many people came to meet Jesus because (a. they were on a picnic; b. a man had gone through their country and told what great things Jesus had done for hm; c. a deaf and dumb man could now hear and talk) Write the letters of the correct answers in the blanks.
- These people stayed with Jesus in the wilderness for (a. one day; b. three days;
 c. one month)
- 4. Jesus loved the people. He felt sorry for them because (a. they were a long way from home; b. they were hungry; c. they were poor) .

- If Jesus sent the people away without food, somebody might (a. faint; b. die; be angry)
- Who did Jesus ask to feed the people? (a. The storekeeper; b. children; c. His disciples)



- 7. The disciples did not think they could feed the people because
 1) there were people. (Matthew 15:38)
 2) the place where they were was a . (verse 4)
- 8. Jesus wanted to teach His disciples (a. to work harder; b. to plan better; c. to trust Him to do what they could not do.)
- Jesus wanted to teach the disciples that He would use what they had. He would use even a little, when they gave it to Him in faith. How much food did they have?
- 10. Read verse 6 carefully. In this verse,
 - 1) What did the hungry people do?
 - 2) What did Jesus do?
 - a.
 - b.
 - C.
 - d.
 - 3) What did the disciples do?
- 11. In verse 8, what did the people do?
- 12. How do you know there was a lot of food?
- 13. Read Matthew 15:38. How many people were fed this time?men, besides and .

We studied how Jesus fed 5,000 people in chapter 6. Now in chapter 8 He fed 4,000 people. There must have been a reason for Jesus doing this miracle two times.

In chapter 6:34-44,

and

Jesus fed 5,000 in the country of the Jews.

fed with



fish.

There were disciple.

There were

basketfuls left over. One for each

loaves

The word used for baskets in this story meant the baskets the Jews used to carry their lunch. They were shaped something like their water jugs.

In chapter 8:1-9,

This miracle was done in Decapolis. Some Jews lived here, but this was Gentile country for the most part.

In 8:1-9 there werefed withloaves and. This time there were

basketfuls left over.

The word used for basket in this story meant a large basket that the Gentiles used. It was like a hamper used for gathering grapes.

By doing these two miracles Jesus showed that He wanted to feed both the Jews and the Gentiles. Jesus cared about everybody. He fed them with bread and fish. In Matthew 4:4 Jesus said,

"Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God."

In John 6:35, He said,

"I am the bread of life: he that cometh to Me shall never hunger; and he that believeth on Me shall never thirst."

John 6:58,

"... he that eateth of this bread shall live forever."

When we take Jesus into our hearts and live by faith, we will live forever.

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