

# THE GOSPEL OF MARK "frustrated"

## ANOTHER FEEDING?

\*Large Crowd—this is “Naked Bob” territory

\*Crowd with Jesus for “3 days”

**Why do we have a problem hanging with Jesus' words for any length of time? Are we like the disciples—still not convinced of who Jesus is?**

\*Same story (feeding 5000) or forgetful followers?

\*Jesus doesn't do it the same way twice. God rarely does things the same way twice—why? No need for faith if it is boiled down to a formula.

## WANT PROOF

\*The word “question” here means “to attempt to gain control”

\*The word “test” does not mean an objective test to discover the merit of something, but an obstacle or stumbling block to discredit.

\*“**sign from heaven**” - not a miracle (they had already see those) They were looking for an “apocalyptic phenomena” that would usher in the defeat of Rome and deliverance of Israel.

\*“**sighed deeply**”- The word and is a rare word, occurring only here in the NT, and fewer that 30 times in all of Greek lit. It is a feeling of dismay or despair. It describes a person who finds himself in situations where they are pushed to the limit of faithfulness.

## FRUSTRATED JESUS

\*“Warns” of the “Yeast” - Yeast is used metaphorically in many ways. It directly symbolizes evil (1 Corinthians 5:8) but it also is used as a picture of the growth of the Kingdom of God (Matthew 13:33). Yeast is something that spreads, that takes over.

\*Disciples don't get it—Jesus' 8 questions in 7 verses. The disciples are not chastised for not believing but for not seeing and understanding. They still do not get who this Jesus really is which is the purpose of the Gospel of Mark. Mark 1:1

## Mark 8:1-21 (NIV)

(1) During those days another large crowd gathered. Since they had nothing to eat, Jesus called his disciples to him and said, (2) "I have compassion for these people; they have already been with me three days and have nothing to eat. (3) If I send them home hungry, they will collapse on the way, because some of them have come a long distance." (4) His disciples answered, "But where in this remote place can anyone get enough bread to feed them?" (5) "How many loaves do you have?" Jesus asked. "Seven," they replied. (6) 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. (7) They had a few small fish as well; he gave thanks for them also and told the disciples to distribute them. (8) The people ate and were satisfied. Afterward the disciples picked up seven basketfuls of broken pieces that were left over. (9) About four thousand men were present. And having sent them away, (10) he got into the boat with his disciples and went to the region of Dalmanutha. (11) The Pharisees came and began to question Jesus. To test him, they asked him for a sign from heaven. (12) 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." (13) Then he left them, got back into the boat and crossed to the other side. (14) The disciples had forgotten to bring bread, except for one loaf they had with them in the boat. (15) "Be careful," Jesus warned them. "Watch out for the yeast of the Pharisees and that of Herod." (16) They discussed this with one another and said, "It is because we have no bread." (17) 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? (18) Do you have eyes but fail to see, and ears but fail to hear? And don't you remember? (19) When I broke the five loaves for the five thousand, how many basketfuls of pieces did you pick up?" "Twelve," they replied. (20) "And when I broke the seven loaves for the four thousand, how many basketfuls of pieces did you pick up?" They answered, "Seven." (21) He said to them, "Do you still not understand?"

# Do you get it?