

Jesus is the Son of God

Mark 8

Trinity Bible Church - Adult Sunday School Class
“Jesus Christ, The Son of God” – Lesson 11
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Overview

◇ Outline of Mark 8

- ◇ Jesus feeds the four-thousand
- ◇ The Pharisees and the Disciples
- ◇ Jesus heals a blind man
- ◇ The confession and the cross

◇ Key themes

- ◇ The increasing display of Christ's person
- ◇ The consistent failure of man to understand

Jesus Feeds the Four Thousand (Vs. 1-10)

- ◇ Setting for the feeding of the multitude (Mk. 8:1-3)
 - ◇ Location: The Gentile region of the Decapolis
 - ◇ Occasion: Jesus healing and teaching the Gentile multitudes for three days
- ◇ Jesus' response to the multitude (Vs. 2)
 - ◇ Parallel to his response to the Jewish crowd: Compassion
 - ◇ A ministry to both the Jews and Gentiles
- ◇ Pattern for the feeding of the multitude (Vs. 7-8)
 - ◇ Jesus blesses and breaks -> Disciples distribute -> Multitude is satisfied
- ◇ The leftovers from the miracle: 12 "hand baskets" vs. 7 "large baskets"

The Pharisees Request a Sign (Vs. 10-13)

- ◇ The Pharisees' demand: Prove you are the Messiah with a heavenly sign
- ◇ The Pharisees' purpose: To tempt Jesus
- ◇ Jesus response
 - ◇ Sighed deeply in His Spirit
- ◇ Jesus refuses to give a sign (Vs. 12)
- ◇ Jesus' responds with a heavenly sign (Matt. 16: 2-4)
 - ◇ You know how to interpret the coming of good or bad weather
 - ◇ Can you not interpret the coming of the Son of Man?
 - ◇ You are hypocrites
 - ◇ You will be given the sign of Jonah

The Leaven of the Pharisees (Vs. 14-21)

- ◇ Jesus' Exhortation: **Beware of the leaven** of the Pharisees, Sadducees, and Herod
- ◇ What does leaven symbolize?
 - ◇ An influence that imposes a change
 - ◇ Corruption of sin in general (Ex. 12:19)
 - ◇ The corrupting influence of sin in the Church (1 Cor. 5:6-8)
 - ◇ The corrupting influence of false teaching in the Church (Gal. 5:9)
 - ◇ Parallel to the "Root of Bitterness" that corrupts many
 - ◇ Hears the words and curses upon faithlessness, yet walks in impudent rebellion
- ◇ What is Jesus warning against?
 - ◇ The teaching of the Pharisees (Matt. 16: 12)
 - ◇ Faithlessness and hypocrisy

The Leaven of the Pharisees (Vs. 14-21)

- ◇ The Disciples respond: “We forgot bread”
 - ◇ Second time they have forgotten God’s ability to provide food for them
 - ◇ Shows two problems: Self Reliance and Spiritual blindness
- ◇ Jesus rebukes the disciples
 - ◇ Do you not remember how I have provided for you and others?
 - ◇ The 12 baskets of leftover bread that I created for the 5000?
 - ◇ The 7 large baskets of leftover bread that I created after feeding the 4000?
 - ◇ Chided for spiritual deafness and blindness
- ◇ The Disciples understand
 - ◇ Understand that he is referring to their teachings

Jesus Heals a Blind Man (Vs. 22-26)

- ◇ The only Gospel to record this healing
- ◇ The last of three unable to see Jesus
 - ◇ Pharisees -> Disciples -> Blind Man
- ◇ ... They bring a blind man to him
 - ◇ Man likely brought by his friends
- ◇ How was the man healed?
 - ◇ Jesus spit upon his eyes
 - ◇ Jesus touched his eyes
 - ◇ “God formed man... and breathed into him...”
- ◇ Jesus has the power to open the eyes of men (Lk. 24:31)

Jesus is the Christ (Vs. 27-38)

- ◆ Two halves to the ministry of Jesus
 - ◆ The person and power of the Messiah revealed (Mark 1:14 – 8:30)
 - ◆ The work of the Messiah revealed (Mark 8:31 – 16:20)
- ◆ The first half concluded: Who do people think I am?
 - ◆ Message hidden to the people in general: You are John or Elijah
 - ◆ Message revealed to the disciples: You are the Christ! (Matt. 16:17)
- ◆ The second half introduced: The Christ has come to suffer and die
 - ◆ He has come to be the holy and perfect sacrifice for us
 - ◆ Clear and blunt teaching: He said this plainly

Jesus is the Christ (Vs. 27-38)

- ◇ Peter rejects the Lord's teaching: "This shall never happen to you"
- ◇ The Lord responds: Get behind me Satan
- ◇ The Lord's command: Take up your cross!
 - ◇ To be saved you must...
 - ◇ To follow Christ you must...
- ◇ Our great example of cross-bearing: Christ
 - ◇ Submissive obedience even to death (Mk. 14:36, Ph. 2:8)
 - ◇ Walk as witnesses of the Light (John 1: 7-9, Eph. 5:8)
- ◇ Cross-bearing: Sacrifice or Reasonable Service