

Jesus' Ministry in Tyre and Sidon/Decapolis – Part 2

Matthew 15:30-38; Mark 8:1-9

Jesus had just taught that no food was unclean, but next, it is recorded that He practiced His teaching by going into _____ territory. We will study the casting out of a demon for a Gentile heroine of faith, read of a strange healing of a Gentile deaf and dumb man, see the reaction of the Gentiles to Jesus' healing of the masses, and then be amazed at the Feeding of the 4000. All of these to _____, whom the Jews saw as unclean, but don't forget Jesus is the Savior of the world!

The Miracle of Feeding of the 4000

Many Bible teachers practically ignore the Feeding of the 4000, like it was not amazing. I suppose if one highlights a great miracle of food creation, the one with a thousand more people would be chosen! Also, some have falsely believed this is _____ version of the Feeding of the 5000. But even Jesus refers to them as separate miracles in Mark 8:19-20.

Facts contrasting the two miraculous multitude feedings of Jesus:

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| 1. 5000 – _____ area and multitude | 4000 – _____ area and multitude |
| 2. 5000 – _____ day with Jesus | 4000 – _____ days with Jesus |
| 3. 5000 – _____ sent to find food | 4000 – _____ had food |
| 4. 5000 – Jesus' compassion - _____ need | 4000 – _____ need |
| 5. 5000 – 5 loaves and 2 fishes | 4000 – 7 loaves and a few fishes |
| 6. 5000 – 5000 men plus women and children | 4000 – 4000 men plus women and children |
| 7. 5000 – Disciples come to Jesus with the need | 4000 – Jesus comes to disciples with the need |
| 8. 5000 – sat on _____ grass | 4000 – sat on the _____ |
| 9. 5000 – 12 _____ baskets collected | 4000 – 7 _____ baskets collected |

“And (“very” Mark 8:1) great multitudes came unto him, having with them those that were lame, blind, dumb, maimed, and many others, and cast them down at Jesus' feet; and he healed them: ³¹Insomuch that the multitude wondered, when they saw the dumb to speak, the maimed to be whole, the lame to walk, and the blind to see: and they glorified the God of _____.” Matthew 15:30-31

I. “they glorified the God of Israel”

“Then Jesus called his disciples unto him, and said, I have compassion on the multitude, because they continue with me now _____ days, and have nothing to eat: and I will not send them away fasting, lest they faint in the way (“for divers of them came from far.” Mark 8:3).” Matthew 15:32

II. "I have _____ on the multitude"

- Jesus _____ the disciples to himself –
- Reason for Jesus' _____ -

**"And his disciples say unto him, Whence should we have so much bread in the wilderness, as to fill so great a multitude? ³⁴And Jesus saith unto _____, How many loaves have ye? And _____ said, Seven, and a few little fishes. ³⁵And he commanded the multitude to sit down on the ground. ³⁶And he took the seven loaves and the fishes, and gave thanks, and brake them, and gave to his disciples ("to set before them;" Mark 8:6), and the disciples ("did set them before" Mark 8:6) to the multitude."
Matthew 15:33-36**

III. "Whence should we have so much bread in the _____, as to fill so great a multitude?"

- Disciples seemed _____ of past miracles.
- Jesus asks them how many _____ they had.
- Jesus took the loaves and _____.

"And they did all eat, and were filled: and they took up of the broken meat (_____) that was left seven baskets (_____) full. ³⁸And they that did eat were four thousand men, beside women and children ("and he sent them away." Mark 8:9)." Matthew 15:37-38

IV. So they did eat, and were filled:"

- Seven _____ were gathered by the disciples.
- 4000 were feed and Jesus _____ them away

Jesus has another important lesson for His disciples:

“What is accomplished among the Jews will be _____ among Gentiles!

Believers Application:

1. What is your attitude toward people outside of your circle or culture? Jesus lived with compassion toward the physical and spiritual needs of the world. The disciples saw only the physical needs of the people inside their comfort group and culture. Who are you most like, the disciples or Jesus?

2. What is your attitude toward Bible study, prayer, and worship? How much _____ are you willing to endure?