

Sunday ~ September 18, 2022, by Pastor Dwight Benoit

Text: Mark 8: 1-9

Title: "WHO Do You See?"

One of CNN top 5 news alerts, published this past Wednesday, September 14<sup>th</sup> was "Food Prices."

Here in the US, the prices today are far higher than they were one year ago. Overall, *grocery prices* jumped 13.5%; *restaurant menu prices* increased 8%; *eggs prices* soared 39.8%. *Flour* 23.3%; *milk* 17%; *bread* 16.2%. Don't mention the *meat, poultry, fruits, and vegetables prices...*

"WHO Do You See?"

Say you *need...* food, your own place, protection, clothes, a job, money, rest, enjoyment, relationship, peace, freedom, significance (attention), identity, knowledge, transportation, my own phone, medicine, a doctor, a lawyer. Anyone need their soul saved? The list goes on!

"WHO Do You See?"

In this text,

**Mark 8**

v. 1, "In those days...—*very great multitude* of people"  
v. 2, "they had been with **JESUS** 3 days

v. 9, "4,000+ people—*Gentiles...*lived in Decapolis  
(10 *league* (group) cities; down *south*

Note, Mark 5: 1-20, **JESUS** healed a demonic man... they asked **JESUS** to leave their cities... the *healed man* wanted to follow **JESUS** but **JESUS** sent him to Decapolis (v. 20) *witnessing* what **JESUS** had done!

v. 1, 2, "the multitudes had nothing to eat."  
v. 5, **JESUS** ask **HIS** disciples, "**How many loaves have ye?**

v. 5, 7 loaves; and v. 7, "few (several) small *fish*"  
v. 6, they sat on the ground (v. 4, *wilderness*)  
v. 8, "they ate/full; took up of the broken meat,  
7 baskets (Large hampers)

v. 1, 2, **JESUS** called **HIS** disciples unto **HIM**, and saith unto them, "**I have compassion on the multitude...**"

In Mark 8: 3, **JESUS** said, "**if I send them away fasting to their houses, they will faint by the way: for divers of them came from far.**"

In Mark 6: 36, The disciples said to **JESUS**, "Send them away, that they may go into the country round about, and into the villages, and buy themselves bread: for they have nothing to eat."

Similar

**Mark 6**

v. 33, "*many people* "  
v. 35, "they had been with **JESUS** 2 days"

v. 44, "5,000+ people--*Jews* large region of *northern* folk

v. 36, "they had nothing to eat."  
vss. 37, 38, **JESUS** said, **Give ye them to eat.**" "**How many loaves do you have?**

v. 38, 5 loaves and 2 *fish*  
v. they set down on 'green grass'  
v. 43, took up 12 baskets full of the fragments and the *fish* (Small lunch baskets)

v. 34, "**JESUS**...saw the people, and was moved with compassion toward them...

Mark 8: 4, "...**HIS** disciples answered **HIM**, From whence can a man satisfy these men with bread here in the *wilderness*?" **"WHO Do You See?"**

If **The Church** is **The Church** that **JESUS** builds, (Matthew 16: 18) then we *must* gird ourselves to do *our* **MASTER Will**! What is **HIS Will**? It is, "The Work of Salvation through the means of **Divine TRUTH**" ... carried to men, *externally*, by human hands and, *internally*, through **The SPIRIT of GOD and HIS WORD**.

Here in *this* text, **JESUS** reveals 'the whole worlds' *need*...

1. The World *needs* Compassion. The disciples (Jews) looked upon the Gentiles as outcasts.
2. The World *needs* to be *Evangelized* (bearers of **GOD News**—Convicted, Convince, Converted).
3. The World *needs* Physical Food.

This question of the disciples, Mark 8: 4, "...**HIS** disciples answered **HIM**, From whence can a man satisfy these men with bread here in the *wilderness*?" says, they either had "bad memories or "bad memories with racial prejudices!" Who can forget **The Miracle** of "Feeding 5,000+ men, besides woman and children, with 12 Basket full of leftovers and their bellies full???"

[Have YOU not seen **The Hand of GOD**? Have YOU not often seen **The Hand of GOD**? Do YOU not fear of provoking **The LORD** to anger?]

Note, once again, this question of the disciples, Mark 8: 4, "...**HIS** disciples answered **HIM**, From whence can a man satisfy these men with bread here in the *wilderness*?"

See this...

1. It's a Pressing Problem (to satisfy... to satisfy a 'soul' is a work which only **GOD** can accomplish!)
2. It's a Tremendous Difficulty. (4,000+ is enormous... this **Miracle** only gave a single meal, that those fed, would soon grow hungry again.
3. See **JESUS**, **WHO** has Infinite resources, can supply/satisfy, no matter race, even in the wilderness.

**Church** our greatest *need* this morning is "Pardon of Sin by Atonement." It's been provided, over 2, 000 years ago, on a Hill called Calvary! **JESUS** *died* for our sin's penalty... **HE** was *buried* with our sin's condemnation... But **GOD** *raised* **HIM** from the dead for our **Eternal Salvation**. **JESUS** is with **OMNIPOTENCE—ALL POWER**. "Is anything to hard for **GOD**?"

Power to call, "some Apostle, some, prophets, some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers, but 'witnesses,' the numbers are untold!

Listen once more. **The SPIRIT of GOD** is given. It was expedient for **HIM** to go away (John 16: 7) ...**The HOLY SPIRIT** is come—*within*—abide with us forever. (John 14: 16)

Have we forgotten **HIM**? Has **The Church** forgotten **HIS Glorious Presence**?

See also, the *mysterious multiplication*. **JESUS** said, 'check what you have.' They said, 'Seven.' [Give *all*, take *all*, use *all*—when *giving* to **JESUS**!] **JESUS** commanded the people to set down on the ground... **JESUS** took the Loaves...thanked **GOD** (v. 6) and 'blessed' (v. 7) the bread. *Broke off a piece*. The broken loaf, in **JESUS Hand** was restored... He gave a loaf to Peter. Peter broke off a corner. To his amazement, it was just as big as before! James and John did the same, giving to the hungry, and the loaf remain in tack... Each one reach one!

The Devil's work is never done—but it is undone, every time **The GRACE of GOD is at work!**  
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