

## The Abundance & Mercy of Jesus' Kingdom

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Mark 8:1-13

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### Messianic Prophecies

- Isaiah chps 52-55 about Jesus
- Isaiah 55:1-2 talks of the compassion of the Lord
- Jesus' mother, declares God's desire to bless<sup>Lk1:51-53</sup>

### Two Feedings?

- Yes! The Gospel writers are NOT confused
- Otherwise, Jesus is talking crazy in Mk 8:19-20

### A Feeding with No Resources Nearby

- In Mk 6:37 they had \$ resources & places to get food
- Now they are in a desolate place, \$ would not help
- Jesus was their only resource<sup>Mk8:4</sup>

### A Foreshadowing of the Future Kingdom

- This miracle in the region of the Decapolis - mixed race
- Contrast with 1<sup>st</sup> feeding in the heart of Israel
- A picture of how the kingdom of God will grow to include all
- Jesus is breaking down barriers: race, gender, etc.
- Jesus broke down the ultimate barrier for man – sin<sup>Rm4:11</sup>
- Miraculous feedings show forth the identity of Jesus-Messiah

### Questioning the Messiah

- Jesus leaves Decapolis returns to other side of Galilee
- Pharisees challenge<sup>Mk8:11-12</sup> Jesus for a sign
- They are not looking for God's answers, they think they're good enough!

### Understanding Our Good God - Jesus

- Mark concise; John calls this a sign<sup>Jn6:14</sup>
- John tells us they missed the sign<sup>Jn6:15</sup>; and Jesus is the bread of life<sup>Jn6:35</sup>
- Jesus' miraculous feed was a SIGN - Jesus is God
- Pharisees missed the sign

### Mark shows us Blindness - beware!

- Contrast blindness of Pharisees and disciples
- Pharisees willfully blind, Disciples just missed it
- Key Question: Are you more like Pharisees or Disciples?
- Test everything against God's Word: 2 Cor 10:5
- Remember the wonderful compassionate Gospel - God has sent Jesus to set you free and restore you to God!

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