

It's NOT about the Bread - It's about Jesus!

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Mark 8:14-26

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Intro

- Jesus just feed 4000 w/ 7 baskets left over^{Mk8:1-10}
- Confrontation with the Pharisees unwilling to believe^{Mk8:11-12}
- What were their thoughts? Jesus^{Heb12:2} Disciples?

A Probing Statement & Disciples' Reaction

- Jesus knew their hearts - gives a warning
- They started focusing on their physical lack of bread
- Jesus wasn't speaking of literal leaven but the leaven of Scripture which rejects God's truth

An Amazingly Patient Savior

- A telling set of questions to teach the disciples that this is NOT about bread
- Jesus reminds them of His sufficiency - fed thousands!
- Jesus is God - all sufficient - we don't have to strive
- That is the hope of the Gospel - God provides what we can't ever hope to provide - Jesus our righteousness!

A Final Question

- Jesus challenges them to think spiritually
- How often are you like the disciples?
- God is Gracious, He sent Jesus so we don't have to keep proving ourselves...
- God is Good, Jesus is our salvation so we don't have to keep looking elsewhere...

A Miracle to Sum It All Up

- We are shown a miracle of a blind man healed
- Miracle is to teach the disciples about spiritual sight
- Not a 'second touch' message, but reality that Christ saves (can see) but will then improve our sight^{1Jn3:2}
- We live in that 'Now and Not Yet', but remember your salvation is sure^{Jn6:39-40}
- Jesus is working in you now!^{Phil1:6;2:12-13}
- Remember Paul's prayer^{Eph1:15-20}
- Know Jesus thru the Gospel then you can see!
- Improve your spiritual sight: Psa 119:18; 139:23-24

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