

## Mark 8:1-13

No Sign Will Be Given To This  
Generation

### Mark's Pattern

<u>Mark</u>		<u>Mark</u>
6:31-44	Feeding	8:1-9
6:45-56	Sea crossing	8:10
7:1-23	Conflict with Pharisees	8:11-13
7:24-30	Bread lecture	8:14-21
7:31-36	Healing	8:22-26
7:37	Confession/faith	8:27-30

### Jesus Feeds Gentiles As Well

Mark 8:1-3 In those days, when there was again a large crowd and they had nothing to eat, Jesus called His disciples and said to them, "I feel compassion for the people because they have remained with Me now three days and have nothing to eat. "If I send them away hungry to their homes, they will faint on the way; and some of them have come from a great distance."

### Jesus Is The Servant Of Yahweh

Isaiah 49:10-12 They will not hunger or thirst, nor will the scorching heat or sun strike them down; for He who has compassion on them will lead them and will guide them to springs of water. I will make all My mountains a road, and My highways will be raised up. Behold, these will come from afar; and lo, these will come from the north and from the west, and these from the land of Sinim."

### Jesus Sustains His People In The Wilderness

Mark 8:4-6 And His disciples answered Him, "Where will anyone be able to find enough bread here in this desolate place to satisfy these people?" And He was asking them, "How many loaves do you have?" And they said, "Seven." And He directed the people to sit down on the ground; and taking the seven loaves, He gave thanks and broke them, and started giving them to His disciples to serve to them, and they served them to the people.

### Jesus Satisfies His Sheep

Mark 8:7-10 They also had a few small fish; and after He had blessed them, He ordered these to be served as well. And they ate and were satisfied; and they picked up seven large baskets full of what was left over of the broken pieces. About four thousand were there; and He sent them away. And immediately He entered the boat with His disciples and came to the district of Dalmanutha.

### Differences and Similarities

#### Feeding 5,000

12 baskets

"Kofeenos"

West side

Jews

Wilderness

"Reclining"

Jesus sustains

Clueless disciples

#### Feeding 4,000

7 baskets

"Spureece"

East side

Gentiles

Wilderness

"Reclining"

Jesus sustains

Clueless disciples

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### The Unbelief Of The Jewish Leadership

Mark 8:11 The Pharisees came out and began to argue with Him, seeking from Him a sign from heaven, to test Him.

Mark 3:22 The scribes who came down from Jerusalem were saying, "He is possessed by Beelzebul," and "He casts out the demons by the ruler of the demons."

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### Jesus' Righteously Angry Response

Mark 8:12-13 Sighing deeply in His spirit, He said, "Why does **this generation** seek for a sign? Truly I say to you, no sign will be given to this generation." Leaving them, He again embarked and went away to the other side.

Mark 8:38 For whoever is ashamed of Me and My words **in this adulterous and sinful generation**, the Son of Man will also be ashamed of him when He comes in the glory of His Father with the holy angels."

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### Application

1. We must realize that true saving faith comes by believing God's word, not through seeing signs.
2. We must understand that signs and wonders were performed by the prophets, by Christ, and by His apostles as evidence that they spoke for God.
3. We must understand that looking for signs today will lead us astray.

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### 1. Trust The Word – Don't Seek For Signs!

Luke 16:29-31 But Abraham said, "They have Moses and the Prophets; let them hear them." But he said, "No, father Abraham, but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent!" But he said to him, "**If they do not listen to Moses and the Prophets**, they will not be persuaded even if someone rises from the dead."

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### 2. Signs Authenticated God's Spokesmen

#### › O.T. Prophets:

Acts 7:36-37 This man led them out, performing wonders and signs in the land of Egypt and in the Red Sea and in the wilderness for forty years. This is the Moses who said to the sons of Israel, "GOD WILL RAISE UP FOR YOU A PROPHET LIKE ME FROM YOUR BRETHREN."

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## 2. Signs Authenticated God's Spokesmen

### ➤ Jesus and His Apostles:

Acts 2:22 Men of Israel, listen to these words: Jesus the Nazarene, a man attested to you by God with miracles and wonders and signs which God performed through Him in your midst, just as you yourselves know—

2 Corinthians 12:12 The signs of a true apostle were performed among you with all perseverance, by signs and wonders and miracles.

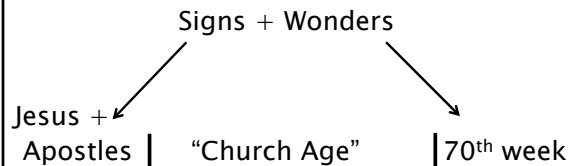
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## 3. Looking For Signs Will Lead You Astray

Luke 17:20-21 Now having been questioned by the Pharisees as to when the kingdom of God was coming, He answered them and said, "The kingdom of God is not coming with signs to be observed; nor will they say, 'Look, here it is!' or, 'There it is!' For behold, **the kingdom of God is in your midst.**"

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## Summary of N.T. Data



2 Corinthians 5:7 for we walk by faith, not by sight—

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## 3. Looking For Signs Will Lead You Astray

2 Thess. 2:8-10 Then that lawless one will be revealed whom the Lord will slay with the breath of His mouth and bring to an end by the appearance of His coming; the one whose coming is in accord with the activity of Satan, with all power and signs and false wonders, and with all the deception of wickedness for those who perish, **because they did not receive the love of the truth so as to be saved.**

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## Benediction

Ephesians 3:20-21 Now to Him who is able to do far more abundantly beyond all that we ask or think, according to the power that works within us, to Him be the glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations forever and ever. Amen.

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