

A Study of the Gospel of Mark
Week 8: Mark 8 | Oct. 26/27, 2013

Confessing Jesus Part II:
Who Do You Say That I Am?



Who do people you know say that Jesus is?

Feeding | Read Mark 8:1-9.

Commentator Warren Wiersbe says:

Once again, we are encouraged by our Lord's compassion and His complete control over the situation. However, we are discouraged by the blindness and unbelief of the disciples. Had they completely forgotten the previous miracle? Let's not be too hard on them.

[Q] Like the disciples, sometimes we forget the mercies and provision of the Lord. How can you remind yourself today that Jesus Christ is still the same and has an endless supply for your needs?

[Q] Can you think of some verses that will help you remember? (Look up Philippians 4:19, Lamentations 3:22-23 and Hebrews 13:8.)

Eating | Read Mark 8:16-21.

Jesus talks about bread a lot! Read each passage below.

[Q] What do you learn about Jesus and bread?

John 6:32-35

1 Corinthians 11:23-24

[Q] Would you say that Jesus is the "main ingredient" in your life diet? How hungry are you?

Apply:

[Q] What are you going to do about it?

Extra:

Warning | Read Mark 8:9-15.

In this section, Jesus warns against the yeast of the Pharisees.

In Jewish culture, yeast or leaven often symbolizes evil and how a little bit can expand and spread.

[Q] From Luke 12:1 and 1 Corinthians 5:6-8, what additional insight do you gain about Jesus' warning?

Seeing | Read Mark 8:22-26.

Jesus heals the blind man in stages and has used differing methods for other healings. Jesus custom fits His work to *your* life, too.

[Q] How have you seen the gradual progress of the work of God in your life?

[Q] Have you ever looked at God’s work in others’ lives and wondered why He didn’t do that for you? If so, how could meditating on the following Scripture truths, help you think differently?

Psalm 23:1 (NIV) *The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not be in want.*

2 Corinthians 9:8 (NIV)

And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work.

Identity | Read Mark 8:27-30.

[Q] What about who Jesus is (His identity) means the most to you right now?

[Q] Who does Jesus say that YOU are? What is your identity in Christ?

(Did you get your *identity card* at the worship service and check out: valleycommunity.cc/identity?)

Apply: Pray for someone in your life who does not have this hope.

Pray
