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Mark 8:1-38

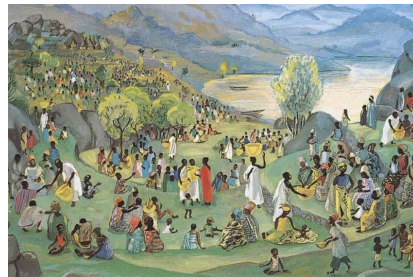
## Opening Eyes to Recognize the Messiah 8:1-38

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### The Feeding of the 4,000

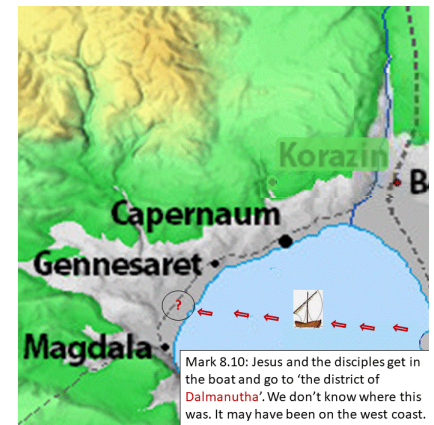
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- No change of location; we are still in a Gentile area
- Parallels
  - There is a problem
    - Lack of food (8:1)
    - Sheep without a shepherd (6:34)
  - Jesus compassion (8:2; 6:34)



### Sea Crossings and Sign Seeking

8:10-13



Mark 8:10: Jesus and the disciples get in the boat and go to 'the district of Dalmanutha'. We don't know where this was. It may have been on the west coast.

**The Lesson of the Leaven  
and the Loaves  
8:14-21**

- “Beware of the yeast of the Pharisees and the yeast of Herod”
- A recurring theme in Mark: the disciples just don’t understand!
  - This isn’t about literal bread
  - This isn’t about God’s provision
- “Do you not yet understand?”



**Healing the Blind Man  
8:22-26**

- Jesus leads the man out of the village. Why?
- Jesus’ unique way of healing
- A partial healing: “trees, walking”
  - What does it mean?
- The man’s encounter with Jesus brings clarity, insight, illumination



**Peter’s Confession  
at Caesarea Philippi  
8:27-30**

- This passage is a transition point in Mark’s story
- Who do people say that I am?
- But who do you say that I am?
- Peter’s bold confession
- Messianic secrecy: “Don’t tell anybody”
- Jesus shifts to a passion prediction



**The First Passion Prediction  
8:31-33**

- Jesus’ prediction of his suffering and death serves as a reminder of the sacrificial nature of his mission
- Peter rebukes Jesus
- Jesus rebukes Peter
- Speaks about the ongoing battle between God’s will and our expectations



## Teachings on Discipleship

### 8:34-38

- This is the essence of Christian discipleship
- A paradox
  - The transformative power of sacrificial love
  - The eternal rewards of faithful obedience

