

Mark Chapter 8

How do you see Jesus?

Comparison

Mark 6

5000

All 4 Gospels

5 loaves & 2 fish

12 baskets

Mark 8

4000

Matt. & Mark

7 loaves & fish

7 baskets

Comparison

Mark 6

1 Day

The disciples

Bethsaida

Mark 8

3 Days

Jesus

Decapolis

First-Century Galilee



Mediterranean Sea



SYRIA

GALILEE

SAMARIA

DECAPOLIS

Ptolemais

Chorazin

Capernaum

Bethsaida

Gennesaret

Gergesa

Sea of Galilee

Cana

Tiberius

Sepphoris

Nazareth

Gadara

Nain

Caesarea

River Jordan



Comparison

Mark 6

1 Day

The disciples

Bethsaida

Jews

Mark 8

3 Days

Jesus

Decapolis

Gentiles

Conclusion

Jesus wanted to reach the whole world –Jews and Gentiles.

The disciples were racists.

Point 1

Just because you hang out with Jesus doesn't mean you have your act together.

Philippians 3:13

“Not that I have already obtained it
or have already become perfect,
but I press on...”



Mark 8:11

The Pharisees came out and began to argue with Him, seeking from Him a **sign from heaven**, to test Him.

Mark 8:12

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.

Point 2

Be careful about asking God for signs because you may already have all that you need.



Mark 8:15

“Watch out! Beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and the leaven of Herod.”

Mark 8:17-18

And Jesus, aware of this, said to them,
“Why do you discuss *the fact* that you
have no bread? Do you not yet see or
understand? Do you have a hardened
heart? **HAVING EYES, DO YOU
NOT SEE?**

Mark 8:22-26

And they came to Bethsaida. And they brought a blind man to Jesus and implored Him to touch him. Taking the blind man by the hand, He brought him out of the village; and after spitting on his eyes and laying His hands on him, He asked him, “Do you see anything?”

Mark 8:22-26

And he looked up and said, “I see men, for I see them like trees, walking around.” Then again He laid His hands on his eyes; and he looked intently and was restored, and *began* to see everything clearly.

An Acted Parable

A parable is a story that is meant to provide instruction or make a point.

An acted parable is an action that is performed to illustrate a point.

Point 3

Have confidence in the Bible
because many times our questions
can lead to insightful discoveries.

Mark 8:27-28

...and on the way He questioned His disciples, saying to them, “Who do people say that I am?” They told Him, saying, “John the Baptist; and others *say* Elijah; but others, one of the prophets.”

Mark 8:29

And He *continued* by questioning them, “But who do you say that I am?” Peter answered and said to Him, “You are the Christ.”

Mark 8:31-32a

And He began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. **And He was stating the matter plainly.**

Mark 8:32b

And Peter took Him aside and began to rebuke Him.

Mark 8:33

But turning around and seeing His disciples, He rebuked Peter and said, “Get behind Me, Satan; for you are not setting your mind on God’s interests, but man’s.”

Point 4

Whenever we embrace a limited view of Jesus, we are promoting Satan's agenda.



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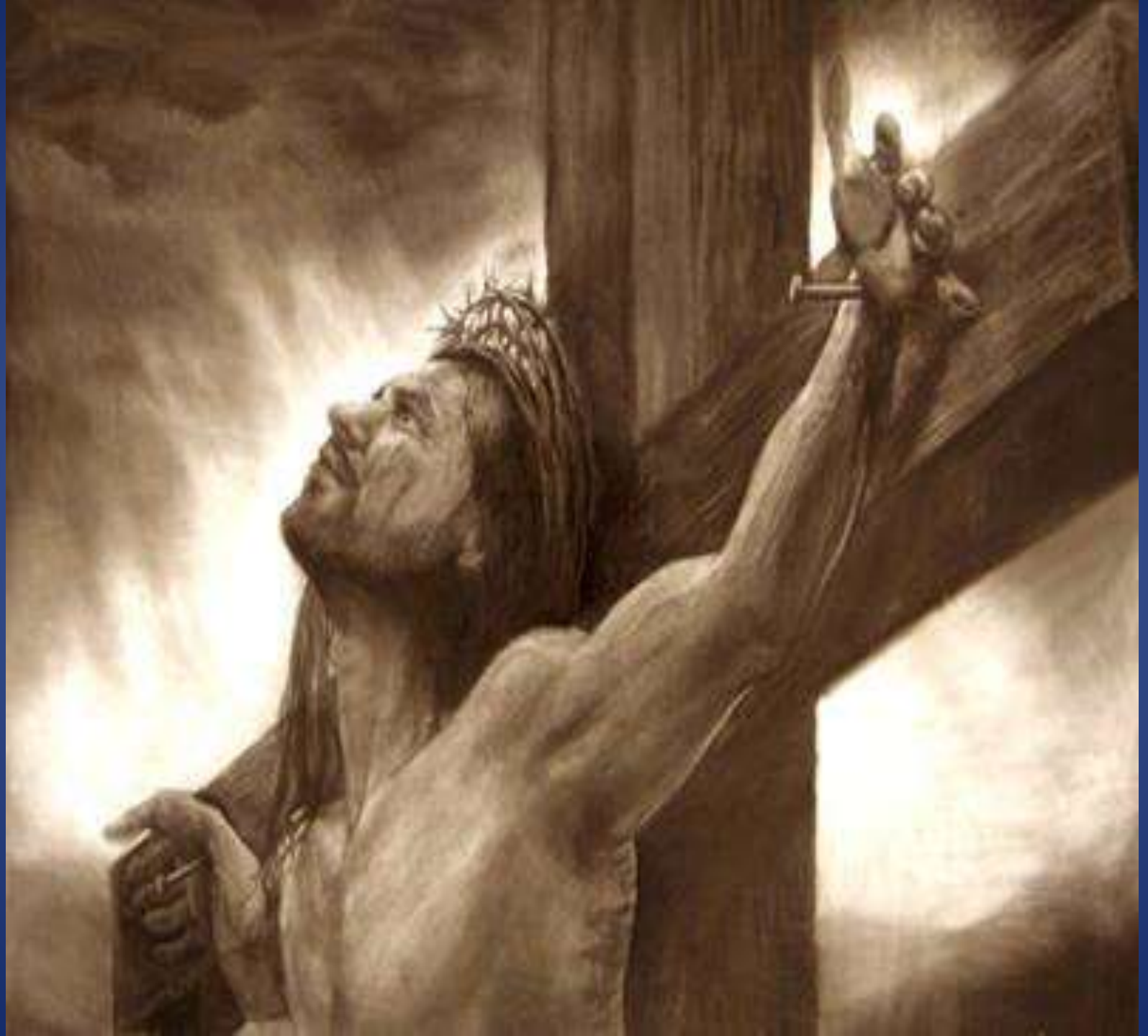


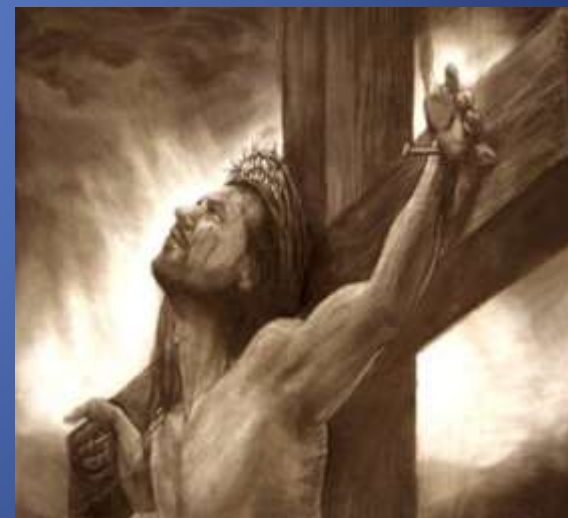
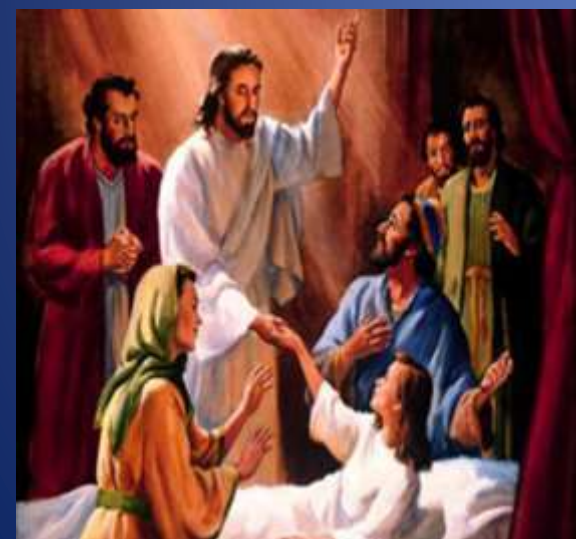


"Come to
me, all you
who are
weary and
burdened,
and I will
give you
rest."

Matthew 11:28







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Point to Ponder

We need to know Jesus fully to be able to follow Him correctly.



Mark 8:34-38

And He summoned the crowd with His disciples, and said to them, “If anyone wishes to come after Me, he must deny himself, and take up his cross and follow Me.

Mark 8:34-38

For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake and the gospel's will save it.

Mark 8:34-38

For what does it profit a man to gain the whole world, and forfeit his soul? For what will a man give in exchange for his soul?

Mark 8:34-38

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.”

Luke 14:26-27

“Anyone who comes to Me but refuses to let go of father, mother, spouse, children, brothers, sisters—yes, even one’s own self!—can’t be My disciple. Anyone who won’t shoulder his own cross and follow behind Me can’t be My disciple. *The Message*

Luke 14:33

“Simply put, if you’re not willing to take what is dearest to you, whether plans or people, and kiss it good-bye, you can’t be My disciple.” *The Message*

Point 5

Do you want to be His disciple?

Do you still want to be His disciple?