

## The Gospel of Mark

Part 12: Jesus is all we have and all we need.

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In this passage we read of another miracle of Jesus. (Also recorded by Matthew in chapters 15 & 16)

But much more than that; we see a picture of Jesus' response:  
to those in need and come to him  
to those who see but struggle to understand and  
to those who choose to remain blind.

### To those in need, Jesus will have compassion (vv. 1-3)

He saw the need and he had sympathy for the crowd.

Jesus sees you, the individual, and has compassion for you.

Do you know that he knows you and he still loves you and will provide for you?

**Matthew 6:31-33** *So do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.*

### To those who see but struggle to understand, Jesus will do the impossible (vv. 4-5)

Jesus fed 5,000 from a small lunch earlier in his ministry. (Mark 6)

Jesus waits patiently for his followers to catch up.

We all struggle to remember the power Jesus has displayed in our lives.

We all struggle to remember the efforts he will take to provide for our needs.

Take this verse with you:

**Jeremiah 32:27** *"I am the LORD, the God of all mankind. Is anything too hard for me?"*

### To those who choose to remain blind, Jesus will deny. (vv. 11-14)

The Jewish leaders wanted a astrological or cosmic sign.

Jesus refused to do more than he had already performed.

Their problem wasn't lack of facts but lack of faith.

Jesus was very clear of the consequences of those who choose not to believe.

Jesus was troubled, because food, clothing, etc., is temporary, but he was offering eternal life but many were blinded by temporary needs.

### Take this with you...

His followers saw two similar miracles but continued to fret over their lack of food, but eventually came to understand. (vv.14-21) (Matthew 16:12)

We can learn what his followers learned, to grow in our understanding.

Jesus is patient and compassionate to those who are seeking him.

How will you respond to Jesus, now that he has responded to you?

Will you continue to struggle and gain understanding?

Will you remain willfully blind?

Will you find your Salvation in Him today?