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An Exposition of the Book of Mark



All Satisfying

Mark 8:1-26

Main Idea

Jesus alone is all satisfying.

Overview

- **Jesus is all satisfying**
 - Author has made a “bread sandwich”
 - Mark 7.31-37: Healing of Deaf (Top slice)
 - Mark 8.22-26: Healing of Blind (Bottom slice)
 - These are Messianic Pointers (Is. 35)
 - Author is interested in giving you more than an intellectual assent to Jesus as Son of God
 - He wants you to see this Son of God as All Satisfying
 - The “meat” of the sandwich is bread
- **Jesus compassionately Fills (8.1-10)**
 - Jesus has compassion on crowd
 - He cares for the whole person
 - Authoritative to multiply food, like manna of old
 - There is an abundance of food
 - Participants are satisfied
 - All authoritative Jesus compassionately cares for whole person, they are satisfied
- **God wasn't made for man, man was made for God (8.11-13)**
 - Pharisees aren't looking for answers but wanting to test Jesus
 - They are not like others who come to Jesus believing, they come doubting
 - Jesus isn't there to entertain them
 - Jesus is not on the dock, man is on the dock
- **Believing truly satisfies (8.14-21)**
 - Disciples complain about not having bread to eat
 - Jesus asks them if they are still hardened, no ears to hear or eyes to see
 - Then he highlights the abundance of food in the feeding of 5k, and 4k
 - Responds to this by saying “Do you still not understand?”
 - Jesus is trying to get them to see He is the Bread of Life (John 6)
 - He is trying to highlight for them, they have the Bread of Life, eat of Him & they will never hunger
- **Seeing Comes by Faith (8.22-26)**

- Man comes to Jesus believing, Jesus ultimately heals him of his blindness
- Story is set here to point us to the fact that believing in Jesus helps us see
- **Tying together the “bread sandwich”**
 - Messianic pointers are two outer pieces of sandwich (Mk. 7.31-37, 8.22-26)
 - The “meat” of the sandwich is the feeding of the 4k which shows us how Jesus satisfies
 - The Pharisees inquiry is placed there to help us see that those that don’t believe, aren’t satisfied
 - The Disciples frustration over a lack of food is addressed by Jesus pointing to the abundance of His ministry, that is, He is the Bread of Life, look to Him, believe in Him, you will never hunger

Questions

1. How else might we look in our world and see how our God compassionately cares for the whole person?
2. How are we often tempted to believe that God was made for man and not man for God? What are some ways we put God up on the dock?
3. Discuss how “believing truly satisfies.” Why would Jesus point to the abundance of his miracles in order to relate to them in His frustration of not understanding?
4. How is it believing helps us see and hear?
5. How is it that Jesus truly satisfies?
6. What are some places we try and find satisfaction apart from Christ?