

Feeding Thousands and Feeding You

The feeding of the 5,000 in *Mark 6:30-44* and the feeding of the 4,000 in *Mark 8:1-10*, reveals to us today the power of Jesus. These miracles appear similar on the surface, but each miracle is unique and offers key differences for application.

#1: Jesus is the great _____.

John 6:35 – “I am the bread of life...”

John 14:6 – “I am the way, and the truth, and the life.”

Ephesians 1:3-10 – “In him we have redemption through his blood...”

#2: Jesus recognizes our _____ needs.

Mark 6:34 – “...he had compassion on them...”

Mark 8:2-3 – “I have compassion on them...”

Hebrews 4:14-16 – “...but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are...”

#3: Jesus knows how to _____ us.

Mark 6:30-32, 35 – Jesus challenged his apostles to rest in a desolate [*Eremos: solitude, quiet*] place

Mark 8:1-4 – Jesus also challenged his apostles to take action

Matthew 6:25-33 – Jesus challenges us to let go of our anxiety and worry, and seek Him

1 Peter 4:12-16 – Our faith will be challenged

#4: Jesus' _____ is for all.

Mark 8:4 – “...in this desolate [*Eremia: uninhabited, wasteland*] place?”

Colossians 3:11, Galatians 3:26-28, Titus 2:11 – His grace is for all

In Mark 8, we see...

... a need – “nothing to eat”

... compassion, love, grace – “I have compassion on the crowd”

... feeling of helplessness – “How can one feed these people?”

... the need for trust – “He directed the crowd to sit down”

... power of Jesus – “They ate and were satisfied”

... overabundance of supply – “They took up the broken pieces left over, seven baskets full”

In the Gospel of Jesus Christ, we see...

... a need – **Romans 3:23**

... compassion, love, grace – **Romans 5:8**

... feeling of helplessness – **Romans 7:24**

... the need for trust – **Romans 8:28**

... power of Jesus – **Romans 6:3-4**

... overabundance of supply – **Romans 8:38-39, Ephesians 3:20-21**