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LESSON 12 MARK 8:1-38

Please use the New Living Translation (NLT) for clarity.

Jesus is on the move again. He is in Gentile Territory. Jesus is teaching that all people Jew or Gentile are sinners in need of a Savior. This week, we continue to see the compassion of Jesus and how He controls every situation we could find ourselves in. Also, we will see our likeness to the disciples in how often we do not understand the way in which Jesus works. We forget how He has helped us in the past. In this chapter, Jesus takes us a little deeper about who He is.

MEMORY VERSE

And He said to them, 'But who do you say that I am?' And Peter answered and said, 'You are the Christ.'

JESUS FEEDS 4000

Read **Mark 8:1-9**. Then answer the questions below.

1. Once again, Jesus spoke to a large crowd that this time had been with Him for three days. They were listening to all of His words. What did Jesus say he felt for these people? **Circle the correct answer:**
 - Jesus was happy for the people.
 - Jesus was annoyed at the people.
 - Jesus felt sorry for the people.
2. What was Jesus' concern for these people? **Circle the answers:** (vv. 2-4)
 - They had nothing to eat.
 - That they may faint from hunger on their way home.
 - Some had come a very long way.
3. How many loaves of bread did the disciples have to feed all these people? _____ What else did they find? _____ (vv. 5-7).
4. Jesus told the people to sit on the ground and, after He blessed the food, the disciples passed out the bread and fish.
True or False? (Mark 8:6-9)
 - Only a few people got bread and fish.
 - All the people were able to eat as much as they wanted.
 - 4,000 men were fed.
 - Jesus sent the people home after they ate.
 - There were seven large baskets of food left over.
 - This is the second time Jesus fed a large crowd. (See Mark 6:30-43.)

Do you ever feel like Jesus does not care about the things you need? How does His feeding of the 4,000 remind you that He is concerned about every detail of your life?

THE PHARISEES SEEK A SIGN

Read **Mark 8:11-12**. Then fill in the blanks below.

5. As Jesus arrived in Dalmanutha, the Pharisees arrived to argue and test Jesus. They demanded Jesus to show them _____ to prove His _____ (v. 11).
6. What did Jesus do when He heard their demand? He _____ in His _____. Jesus response to their demand was: _____? I tell you the _____. I will _____ give this _____ any such _____ (v. 12).
7. Then Jesus left them to go to the other side of the lake. The disciples began to argue because they had forgot to bring bread to eat. As they crossed the lake, what did Jesus warn His disciples to beware of? _____ (vv. 14-15).

Note: Remember, in chapter 7, Jesus taught the disciples to beware of the hypocrisy of the Pharisees and how they were more concerned with man-made commandments than the commandments from God.

8. Describe what Jesus needed to teach His disciples. What did His disciples not understand about the feeding of 5,000 and 4,000 people? _____ What did Jesus say stopped them from understanding? “Are your _____ too _____ to take it in?”
9. Sometimes, our hearts become hard, which stops us from understanding and believing Jesus is able to do the impossible in our lives. But we can ask Jesus to give us soft hearts, so we can know and understand how He works. How is your heart today? Is it soft or hard?

JESUS IS IN BETHSAIDA

Read **Mark 8:22-26** and fill in the blanks below.

10. Jesus and His disciples arrived in Bethsaida where some people brought a blind man to Jesus, begging Him to bring healing. Jesus took the blind man by the _____ and led him _____ of the _____. How did Jesus heal this man? _____ (v. 23).
What was the result? _____ What did the man see? _____ (v. 24).
11. What happened when Jesus placed His hands on the man’s eyes once more?
_____ (vv. 25-26).

Jesus healed this man in two parts. Sometimes, we have to wait for Jesus to bring healing. This is the only time Jesus healed in two parts. Possibly to teach us that healing does not come instantly but little by little. We have to learn to wait for Jesus to work His healing in His way and His time. Do you pray and ask Jesus to heal you when you get sick? How good are you at waiting for Him to bring about the healing?

JESUS IS GALILEE NEAR CAESAREA PHILIPPI

Read **Mark 8:27-37**. Then answer the questions below.

12. As Jesus walked with His disciples, what question did He ask them? _____ (v. 27).
How did the disciples answer Jesus? Some say: You are _____ the _____ some say _____ and others say one of the _____ (v. 28).
13. What did Jesus then ask them? _____ How did Peter answer Jesus? _____ (v. 29).
14. Is Jesus your Lord and Savior? Have you confessed all your sins to Him and received His forgiveness?
15. Jesus explained to the disciples that He would soon die on the cross at the hands of the religious leaders but later He would rise from the dead. As He spoke these words, how did Peter respond? (v. 32) _____ What did Jesus then say to Peter? _____ (v. 33).
16. Read verses 34-35. Jesus was teaching His disciples of the cost to following and living for Him. Genuine followers of Jesus live differently than the rest of the world. However, Jesus promises us the cost is worth it to be His follower. What three things does Jesus teach the crowd a true disciple must be willing to do?
1)
2)
3)
17. What is the most valuable lesson in the whole world that Jesus teaches? _____
_____ (vv.36-37). What does Jesus warn those who would be ashamed of Him? _____.

Following Jesus is quite serious, but it is the only way to live your life to the fullest. Have you decided to follow Jesus?

Note: The following Activity pages reflect Mark 8 as taught in Matthew 12.

Pharisees REBUKED

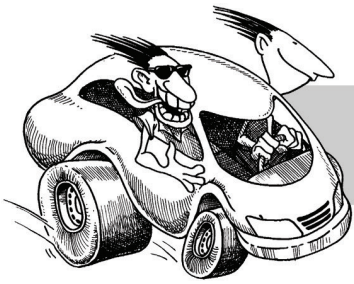
Matthew 12:22-41



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"... For out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks..." Matthew 12:34

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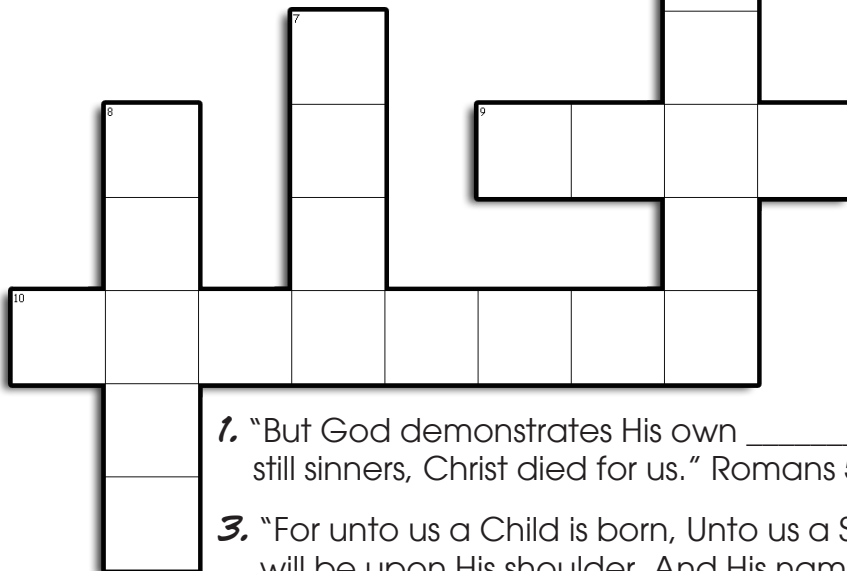


ACTIVITY PAGE

THE ATTRIBUTES OF GOD CROSSWORD

ACROSS

2. "I am the _____ shepherd. The good shepherd gives His life for the sheep." John 10:11
5. "To God only _____, be glory through Jesus Christ for ever. Amen." Romans 16:27
6. "And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and _____." John 1:14
9. "In Him was _____, and the life was the light of men." John 1:4
10. "If we confess our sins, He is _____ and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." 1 John 1:9



DOWN

1. "But God demonstrates His own _____ toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us." Romans 5:8
3. "For unto us a Child is born, Unto us a Son is given; And the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, _____ God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace." Isaiah 9:6
4. "The LORD is _____ and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in mercy." Psalm 103:8
7. "They sing the song of Moses, the servant of God, and the song of the Lamb, saying: "Great and marvelous are Your works, Lord God Almighty! _____ and true are Your ways, O King of the saints!" Revelation 15:3
8. "Now the God of _____ be with you all. Amen." Romans 15:33

