

Jesus Feeds the Four Thousand—[Mark 8:1–13](#)

Topics:

Abundance, Doubt, Faith, Ministry, Miracles, Needs, Questions, Teaching, Thankfulness

Open It

1. When was a time someone showed compassion to you?
2. Why is it sometimes difficult to accept help or sympathy from others?
3. *How does it make you feel to receive support or help from others?

Explore It

1. *Why did Jesus call the disciples to Him? ([8:1–3](#))
2. How did Jesus feel toward the crowd of people that had gathered? ([8:2](#))
3. How long had the crowd in this story been gathered? Why? ([8:2](#))
4. Why couldn't Jesus just send the people to their homes for food? ([8:3](#))
5. What did Jesus' disciples think of the crowd's dilemma? ([8:4](#))
6. *How did Jesus involve His disciples in this problem? ([8:5–8](#))
7. What did Jesus do with the seven loaves and few small fish that the disciples had found? ([8:6](#))

8. *How much food went uneaten? ([8:8](#))
9. What did Jesus do after He had fed the crowd? ([8:9–10](#))
10. Who came to see Jesus? Why? ([8:11](#))
11. How did the Pharisees plan to “test” Jesus? ([8:11](#))
12. Why did Jesus “sigh deeply”? ([8:12](#))
13. What announcement did Jesus make to the generation of His day? ([8:12](#))
14. What did Jesus think of His visitors? ([8:12–13](#))

Get It

1. *What can we learn from Jesus’ attitude and actions toward the crowds that followed Him?
2. *How can you become a more compassionate person?
3. When have you consciously trusted the Lord for food or another essential of life?
4. What did it feel like to have to trust the Lord to supply your basic needs?
5. In what ways has God provided for the needs of you and your family?

6. How does God's work in the past encourage you to trust Him with your future?
7. How can you show your thankfulness to God for the way He takes care of you?
8. When was a time you tried to test the Lord as the Pharisees did? What happened?
9. What kinds of people today have the same attitude the Pharisees did?
10. Why do people demand signs from God?
11. Why does God refuse to give us signs or proof of His existence and presence?

Apply It

1. *To whom can you show compassion? How and when?
2. In what one area of your life will you ask God to work miraculously this week?
3. How can you trust God this week to supply your needs?
4. For what difficult problem will you depend on God? How?