



When Lightning Strikes Twice

Mark 8:1-13

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“In those days...” 8:1a (In what days?)

1. How are “those days” similar to “our days”?
2. How might Jesus’ “out-of-the-box” taking on Hellenism and the religious piety of the Pharisees be an encouragement to you?

Jesus’ Statement 8:1b-3 (just the facts)

1. What does Jesus’ statement help you to understand about the crowd?
2. What does Jesus’ statement help you to understand about Jesus?
3. How might this understanding be an encouragement to you?

“and His disciples answered...” 8:4 (What was the question?)

1. Why do you think the disciples answered Jesus’ statement with a question?
2. Have you ever found yourself feeling and/or acting like the disciples? Please share the circumstances and how you responded.

Jesus’ Response 8:5-7 (going to the next level)

1. How does Jesus respond to His disciples?
2. What does Jesus’ response help you to understand about Jesus?
3. How might Jesus’ response be an encouragement to you?

“and they ate and were satisfied...” 8:8,9 (the result)

1. What does Jesus’ miraculous feeding of the 4,000 help you to understand about Jesus and His disciples?
2. Read and consider 1 Corinthians 1:26-31 and 2 Corinthians 3:5,6. What do these verses help you to understand about yourself and God?

Dalmanutha & The Pharisees 8:10-13 (the argument)

1. Why does Jesus leave without performing any further “signs”?

Processing all that...

1. Two Groups: 1) Those who don’t get it; and 2) Those who won’t get it. Give a definition and example of each.
2. These days, what group do you find yourself in? Why or why not?
3. How has God challenged/moved you through His word today? What struck you as personally significant?
4. Moving forward, how will you respond to what God has been opening up to you?