

# Mark: The Storyteller's Gospel (Mark 8)

Wednesday, June 12, 2019 at 7:00 PM

## Series objective

This series is designed to help us take a personal look at Jesus in a way that causes us look in the mirror. Most of us would admit that we would live very different lives if we lived every moment as if we were completely devoted to Christ, what He did for us, and the calling He has for our lives.

## Overview of Chapter 8

Verses 1-13	Jesus feeding of the 4,000
Verses 14-21	Yeast of the Pharisees and Herod
Verses 22-26	Jesus heals a blind man
Verses 27-38	Jesus predicts His own death

1. In verses 1 through 10 we read about Jesus miraculously feeding another large group of people. This time He fed 4,000 people with seven loaves of bread and a few small fish. Further, we read that seven loaves were left over after every one had eaten.
  - a. What is the significance in seven being left over? Think in terms of *God does not call the equipped, He equips the called.*
  - b. What does the Pharisees asking for a sign indicate about their heart condition? What can we learn from Jesus response to them?
2. Verses 14 through 21 are a continuation of Jesus' feeding the 4,000.
  - a. What is the purpose of yeast, or leaven, in making bread?
  - b. Jesus basically wishes to warn the disciples to avoid the teaching of the Pharisees based on their love of manmade tradition or secular power. What is the warning for us as followers of Jesus?
3. In verses 22 through 26 we read about Jesus healing a blind man at Bethsaida. It is easy to read through these miracles and realize they literally changed the life of a person forever. Each healing miracle is unique and sometimes Jesus does some particular things in a particular healing. What unusual steps did Jesus take and why do you think He did this?
4. Read verses 27 through 38. What does Jesus mean when He states that we are to deny ourselves? The hallmark of the Christian life is denial, although sometimes as Americans (especially men), we are not very good at that. Discuss some specific aspects of what self-denial looks like (or *should* look like) in your own life. Let's be specific.
5. See the attached poster on the following page. If you are in town, please plan to join our *Believers Challenge* event on Saturday, July 27.



## Our next study (Wednesday, July 3)

Read Mark 9. Consider the *Mount of Transfiguration* presented in verses 2 through 13. What is significant about this event?



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Matt Cook, Cory Duncan,  
Doug McCary, Tommy Precht,  
Paul Stege, Scot Wall,  
& Chris Alexander

**Worship led by  
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will be provided.**

**Saturday, July 27, 2019**

**9:00 am - 3:00 pm  
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