

JESUS FEEDS THE FOUR THOUSAND

Mark 8:1-13

Key Verse: 8:2

"I have compassion for these people; they have already been with me three days and have nothing to eat."

STUDY QUESTIONS

1. Read verses 1-3. "During those days" refers to what time and place? Why had the crowd come? How had Jesus ministered to them? What reveals their spiritual hunger? His compassion?
2. What did Jesus say to his disciples about the crowd? What does this show about Jesus' shepherd heart? About his understanding of their needs?
3. How did the disciples respond? (4) What shows that they have made a little progress since the time Jesus fed the 5,000? (6:30-44)
4. What did Jesus ask and how did they answer? (5) What did Jesus do with the people, the loaves and the fish? How did Jesus' disciples cowork with him? Why is it important to learn to cowork with Jesus and with one another?
5. Why did Jesus give thanks? What can we learn from Jesus about the power of faith and the power of prayer? What can we learn here about how to do the work of God?
6. Read verses 8-13. How did God bless their faith, their coworking and Jesus' prayer? What can we learn about God's blessings? How are the Pharisees' questions the antithesis of faith? How can we claim God's blessings? (Mt 6:33)