

I. Jesus Leaves Those Who Refuse to Believe (11-13)

- A. The posture of the Pharisees' hearts (11) - "The Pharisees came and began to argue with Him, seeking from Him a sign from heaven to test Him."
- B. The heaviness in Jesus' spirit (12) - "And He sighed deeply in His spirit and said, "Why does this generation seek a sign? Truly, I say to you, no sign will be given to this generation."
- C. The resolve in Jesus' will (13) - "And He left them, got into the boat again, and went to the other side."

Jesus walks away from the Pharisees, knowing they are not interested in believing on Him

II. Jesus Challenges Those Who Need to Slow Down to Believe (14-18)

- A. Jesus opens up a teaching (14-15) - "Now they had forgotten to bring bread, and they had only one loaf with them in the boat. 15 And He cautioned them, saying, "Watch out; beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and the leaven of Herod."
- B. The disciples wrestle with the meaning (16) - "And they began discussing with one another the fact that they had no bread." **Interpreting what Jesus says/does through natural/human faculties**
- C. Jesus confronts their faulty approach (17) - "And Jesus, aware of this, said to them, "Why are you discussing the fact that you have no bread? Do you not yet perceive or understand? Are your hearts hardened? 18 Having eyes do you not see, and having ears do you not hear? And do you not remember?"

The disciples are missing the point Jesus is making about the leaven; they are struggling to understand, not refusing to understand. Jesus bears with them as He motivates them to examine their thinking.

III. Jesus Reorients Those Who Don't Know How to Believe (19-21)

- A. He reminds them who He is (19) - "When I broke the five loaves for the five thousand, how many baskets full of broken pieces did you take up?" They said to Him, "Twelve."
- B. He reinforces to them who He is (20) - "And the seven for the four thousand, how many baskets full of broken pieces did you take up?" And they said to Him, "Seven."
- C. He reveals to them where they currently are (21) - "And He said to them, "Do you not yet understand?"

Jesus probes them, granting opportunity for them to go deeper with their confidence in Him