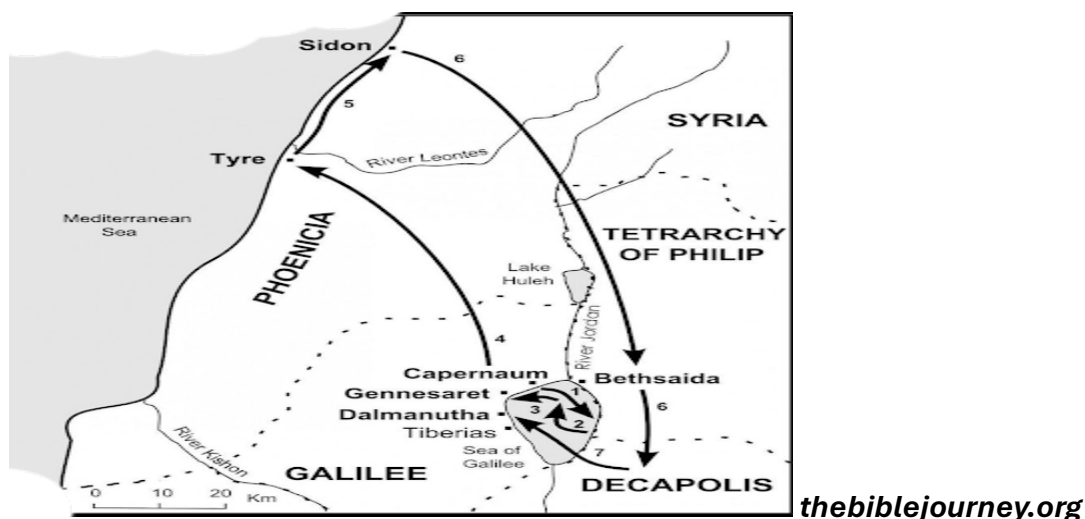


## Mark 8:1-21

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**Mark 8:1–21 (ESV)**<sup>1</sup>In those days, when again a great crowd had gathered, and they had nothing to eat, he called his disciples to him and said to them, <sup>2</sup>“I have compassion on the crowd, because they have been with me now three days and have nothing to eat. <sup>3</sup>And if I send them away hungry to their homes, they will faint on the way. And some of them have come from far away.” <sup>4</sup>And his disciples answered him, “How can one feed these people with bread here in this desolate place?” <sup>5</sup>And he asked them, “How many loaves do you have?” They said, “Seven.” <sup>6</sup>And he directed the crowd to sit down on the ground. And he took the seven loaves, and having given thanks, he broke them and gave them to his disciples to set before the people; and they set them before the crowd. <sup>7</sup>And they had a few small fish. And having blessed them, he said that these also should be set before them. <sup>8</sup>And they ate and were satisfied. And they took up the broken pieces left over, seven baskets full. <sup>9</sup>And there were about four thousand people. And he sent them away. <sup>10</sup>And immediately he got into the boat with his disciples and went to the district of Dalmanutha. <sup>11</sup>The Pharisees came and began to argue with him, seeking from him a sign from heaven to test him. <sup>12</sup>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.” <sup>13</sup>And he left them, got into the boat again, and went to the other side. <sup>14</sup>Now they had forgotten to bring bread, and they had only one loaf with them in the boat. <sup>15</sup>And he cautioned them, saying, “Watch out; beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and the leaven of Herod.” <sup>16</sup>And they began discussing with one another the fact that they had no bread. <sup>17</sup>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? <sup>18</sup>Having eyes do you not see, and having ears do you not hear? And do you not remember? <sup>19</sup>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.” <sup>20</sup>“And the seven for the four thousand, how many baskets full of broken pieces did you take up?” And they said to him, “Seven.” <sup>21</sup>And he said to them, “Do you not yet understand?”



**Matthew 28:18–20 (ESV)**<sup>18</sup>And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. <sup>19</sup>Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of

the Son and of the Holy Spirit, <sup>20</sup>teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

Romans 1:16 (ESV)<sup>16</sup>For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek.

Isaiah 49:6 (ESV)... talking about the Messiah; I will make you as a light for the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.”

Philippians 4:19 (ESV)<sup>19</sup>And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus.

Proverbs 21:2–4 (ESV)<sup>2</sup>Every way of a man is right in his own eyes, but the Lord weighs the heart. <sup>3</sup>To do righteousness and justice is more acceptable to the Lord than sacrifice. <sup>4</sup>Haughty eyes and a proud heart, the lamp of the wicked, are sin.

Philippians 2:14–16 (ESV)<sup>14</sup>Do all things without grumbling or disputing, <sup>15</sup>that you may be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and twisted generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world, <sup>16</sup>holding fast to the word of life, so that in the day of Christ I may be proud that I did not run in vain or labor in vain.

Romans 5:8 (ESV)<sup>8</sup>but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

### Questions and Applications

1. What are some of the similarities between the feeding of the 5000 men and 4000 people? What are the differences? Why are these differences important to understand?

2. Why did Jesus minister outside of Israel’s territories? What call has he placed upon his followers to go into “all nations” (read Romans 1:16 and Matthew 28:18-20). Where might God be calling you to bring his hope, love and gospel (might be overseas, but also might be next door, workplace, school, family member)?

3. When trials and storms hit you, what is often your first response (faith and trust or anxiety, fear, dread, grumbling)? What do your responses tell you about who/what you are putting your hope in?

4. Read Proverbs 21:2-4 and Revelation 3:14-22. Ask the Lord you search your heart and reveal what he sees. Spend some time in prayer asking him to renew your mind and heart, making them one with his.