



Sermon Outline
March 13, 2022
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Spiritual Amnesia

Mark 8

Chapter 8: a _____ in Mark's gospel.

1. Clarification of Jesus' _____.

Vs. 19-21 – “When I broke the five loaves for the five thousand, how many basketfuls of pieces did you pick up?” “Twelve,” they replied. “And when I broke the seven loaves for the four thousand, how many basketfuls of pieces did you pick up?” They answered, “Seven.” He said to them, “Do you still not understand?”

*** Every miracle and move of God has a _____.**

Psalms 106:13 - But they soon forgot what he had done and did not wait for His plan to unfold.

*** I have all the evidence I need. I'd still like _____.**

Relying on God has to begin all over again every day as if nothing has yet been done. – **C. S. Lewis**

2. Clarification of Jesus' _____.

Vs. 29 – “But what about you?” He asked. “Who do you say I am?” Peter answered, “You are the Messiah.”

*** What you believe about Jesus will determine _____ you follow Him.**

** Any uncertainty about who we believe Jesus really is will make following Him much more difficult and ambiguous.*

*** An opinion is different than _____.**

John 20:31 - But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in His name.

*** In order to remain a faithful follower of Christ you need to know _____ He is and what He's capable of.**

3. Clarification of Jesus' _____.

Vs. 31 - He then began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests and the teachers of the law, and that He must be killed and after three days rise again.

The people in Jesus' day expected the Messiah to raise an army and mount a military and political campaign to take Jerusalem by any means necessary. Jesus presented a completely different path to glory. He would not be carried to power in the upward momentum of a populist movement; His path led Him downward, through suffering and into death.

Vs. 34 - Then He called the crowd to him along with His disciples and said: “Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me.”

** Jesus seemed to be saying He was going to lose. Worse, He was inviting them to come and lose alongside of Him.*

*** God loves you & has a _____ for your life.**

** Somehow, we've been taught to believe that citizenship in the Kingdom of God means merely a few minor adjustments in our ordinary lives.*

*** Jesus is not leading us on a pleasant afternoon hike, but on a walk into danger and _____.**

** If you are expecting Jesus to lead you into a life of comfort and prosperity in this world you will soon be disappointed.*

*** Jesus didn't surrender His life so you would take greater control of yours but so you would be willing to surrender _____.**

** What is it about you that would make Jesus say, like an exasperated teacher, "You still don't get it."*

*** You need to have a clear understanding of who you believe Jesus to be and then _____.**