

Life of Christ SERIES ♦ LESSON #27A – Jesus Feeds the 4000 ♦
Mark 8:1-21; Matthew 15:29 – 16:12

TO HELP US STUDY

1. Where did Jesus meet a large crowd (Mark 7:31)? _____

Bonus: Who lived there? _____

2. What amazed the people, and who did they praise (back to Matthew)? _____

3. How many days had they spent with Jesus? _____

4. When Jesus said he “had compassion” for the people, how did the disciples interpret this?

5. How much food did the disciples have to feed them? What did Jesus do with it? _____

6. When Jesus and his disciples went left, Jesus warned them to be on guard against _____

7. What did they think it meant? _____

8. What did Jesus mean instead? _____

9. How many basketfuls of leftovers were picked up after feeding the 5000? _____

After the 4000? _____

TO HELP US REMEMBER: Mark 8:18 “Do you have eyes but fail to see, and ears but fail to hear?
And don’t you remember?”

TEEN THOUGHT:

We often look down on people in the Bible when we see them lose faith so quickly after God performs a great miracle for them, but we often do the same. How often do we forget to pray after having prayers answered? How often do we treat someone poorly right after being treated with kindness by someone else? How often are we touched by God’s word, and then do the exact opposite? How often do we honestly and deeply repent of a sin, and then quickly repeat it?

TIPS FOR TEACHING

Some topics for potential study – some of the scriptures below support these.

1. What is the significance of performing these miracles in the pagan area of the Decapolis?
2. What was the “yeast” of the Pharisees and Herod that we are to guard ourselves against?
3. How can we help ourselves see, hear, remember, and understand?

ADDITIONAL SCRIPTURE: Mt 4:23-25; Lk 4:23-27; 1 Ki 17:1-15; 2 Ki 5:1-14; Mk 7:24-37; Rom 3:29; 11:11-19.
Mt 23:1-39; Lk 7:36-47; Mt 3:7-10; Mk 7:1-13; Lk 5:17-25; Jn 7:45-52; 8:13-58; 9:13-41; Acts 22:30-23:9.
Ac 2:42; Ps 119:33-40; Pr 12:1, 3:1-26; 4:1-27; 1 Tim 4:1-16; 2 Tim 3:10-4:4