



“The Bread of Life”

Mark 8:1-21 ♦ Pastor Jim Lennon
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Introduction –As we begin a new chapter in Mark’s Gospel, Jesus repeats a miracle, and from it a lesson for His disciples to remember.

I. The Bread Incident.

- A. Jesus repeats a miracle we saw Him do in chapter 6.
- B. Both miracles are very similar.
- C. The miracles have some important differences.

II. The Bread Argument.

- A. The Pharisees start to argue with Jesus.
- B. Jesus has four strong reactions to the Pharisees.
 - 1. He sighed.
 - 2. He asked them “why. . . .?”
 - 3. He gave them a solemn oath and promise.
 - 4. He left them.

- C. Jesus then gives His disciples solemn orders: “Watch out! Beware of the leaven of the Pharisees!”
- D. “Leaven” (yeast) is being used as a metaphor for corruption.
- E. While listening to Jesus’ warning, the disciples began arguing about bread.

III. The Bread Enlightenment.

- A. Jesus responds to the disciples by asking them why they were arguing about bread?
- B. Answering the “Why?” question will reveal our real problem – the state of our heart!
- C. Jesus redirects them to the real source of life by asking a series of nine questions.
- D. Hard hearts lose their spiritual sensitivity.
- E. Hard hearts are linked to unbelief.
- F. The remedy for a hard heart -

Conclusion