

The Gospel of Mark– Session 7

Week of 6-2-19



Introduction

What's the most miraculous thing you've ever observed? Maybe a magic show, or something in nature, or a literal miracle. How did you feel as you watched?

Watch

Watch "The Gospel of Mark by Francis Chan" – Session #7 on Rightnowmedia.com (11 Minutes)

Start with Scripture

Read Mark 8:11-21

¹¹The Pharisees came and began to argue with him, demanding of him a sign from heaven to test him. ¹²Sighing deeply in his spirit, he said, "Why does this generation demand a sign? Truly I tell you, no sign will be given to this generation."¹³Then he left them, got back into the boat, and went to the other side. ¹⁴The disciples had forgotten to take bread and had only one loaf with them in the boat. ¹⁵Then he gave them strict orders: "Watch out! Beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and the leaven of Herod." ¹⁶They were discussing among themselves that they did not have any bread. ¹⁷Aware of this, he said to them, "Why are you discussing the fact you have no bread? Don't you understand or comprehend? Do you have hardened hearts? ¹⁸Do you have eyes and not see; do you have ears and not hear? And do you not remember? ¹⁹When I broke the five loaves for the five thousand, how many baskets full of leftovers did you collect?" "Twelve," they told

him. ²⁰“When I broke the seven loaves for the four thousand, how many baskets full of pieces did you collect?” “Seven,” they said. ²¹And he said to them, “Don’t you understand yet?”

Make it REAL

1. Think about everything we’ve discussed so far in the Gospel of Mark. What difference does it make that Jesus can create something out of nothing? What does it say about his nature?
2. Based on Jesus’s words in Mark 8:11–21, what problem do you think Jesus had with the religious leaders’ request for proof of his authority? What does it betray about the peoples’ attitude toward him?
3. Why do you think Jesus has such hard words for the religious leaders? What are they missing? What does Jesus want from them instead?
4. What’s one thing you think Jesus might be asking of you this week?

Prayer

Take prayer request from your group and spend time praying for each other.