

Scandalous Grace
Mark 6:31 – 8:26
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I. Introduction

A. Coming Up to the Midway Point of Mark

1. From Mark 1:1 to 8:26, we have repeatedly seen the disciples' inability to _____ who Jesus is
 - a. They ask, "Who is this guy?"(4:41)
 - b. But they are constantly _____ every time he does something amazing
2. It is not for _____ of Jesus telling them
 - a. In what he _____
 - b. As well as in what he _____
 - c. Jesus is _____ that he is the Messiah – the Son of God

B. At the Midway Point of the Gospel – Mark 8:29

1. Peter is going to _____ who Jesus is
 - a. "You are the _____"
2. But the disciples will still have " _____ " issues

II. The Feeding of the 5,000 – Mark 6:31-44

A. The Need for Rest – Vv. 30-32

1. Sometime after the disciples returned from their mission
 - a. The pressure of _____ ministry took its toll
2. So Jesus calls the disciples away with him to _____
3. A couple important points about this "rest"
 - a. It is to a _____ place
 - b. More importantly, it is _____ Jesus

B. To No Avail – Vv. 33-34

1. A swarm of " _____ " greets Jesus
2. Jesus' _____
 - a. He has _____
 - b. Once again, Jesus proves himself to be " _____ "
3. Sheep without a _____
 - a. Implied _____ to Israel's religious leaders
4. Teaching
 - a. Mark is not concerned about _____ Jesus taught
 - b. He wants to tell us what Jesus _____ instead
5. Where

a. Hill country north of Capernaum and west of Bethsaida

C. The Feeding – Vv. 35-44

1. The disciples make what they think is a _____ suggestion
 - a. Jesus replies, “_____ feed them”
 - b. The disciples don’t _____ it
 - c. They are concentrating on what they _____ rather than what (or who) they _____
2. The miracle
 - a. Jesus is creating something out of (almost) _____
3. The disciples inability to _____ does not prevent them from _____ on Jesus’ command
 - a. This is important
 - i. For if we wait until we understand everything God _____ of us, we will miss out on a lot of what he _____ for us
4. Reminder of O.T. stories/themes
 - a. Moses and the Israelites
 - b. Psalm 23
 - c. Elisha fed a 100 prophets with _____ loaves of bread (2 Kings 4)

III. Walking on the Water – Vv. 45-52

A. Immediately

1. Mark doesn’t tell us why Jesus _____ to get the disciples out of there
 - a. John tells us that the crowd wanted to _____ Jesus and make him _____ by force (John 6:15)
2. Prayer
 - a. In Mark, Jesus is recorded as praying at times when he is facing temptation or _____

B. Three Points About this Miracle

1. Jesus _____ by
 - a. In the O.T., when _____ “passes by,” he is displaying something of his glory
 - b. Treading on the waves is something _____ God can do
2. “It is _____”
 - a. The Greek is actually “Ego eimi” – which means “_____”
 - b. Even with his words, Jesus is _____ to his disciples who he truly is
 - c. “I Am” is the name God gave for _____ to Moses

- d. Jesus is saying much, much more than, “Hey...don’t worry...I’m _____”
- e. Jesus is saying, “Don’t be afraid. I _____.”
 - i. I am _____ incarnate
- 3. The disciples still don’t _____ it
 - a. They don’t understand what the miracle _____ about Christ
 - b. He is the _____ and he will take _____ of them
- 4. Their hearts are _____
 - a. Which means they are _____ and perhaps obstinate
 - b. BUT they are not hostile to Jesus, so there is _____
- C. A Summary Report – Vv. 53-56
 - 1. A couple of interesting things
 - a. It reveals that Jesus was an _____ Jew
 - b. The last word “healed” can also be translated “_____”

IV. Confrontation with the Pharisees – Mark 7:1-13

A. The Complaint of the Pharisees – Vv. 1-5

- 1. Your guys eat with _____ hands
 - a. “Unclean” does not mean “_____”
 - b. They did not adhere to _____ washings
- 2. Such “rules” are not part of the _____

B. Jesus’ Response – Vv. 6-8

- 1. You are _____
 - a. You are doing the “right” thing on the _____ while your hearts are _____ from God
- 2. You are not worshipping God or obeying his _____
 - a. Just following _____ tradition

C. Example: Corban – Vv. 9-13

- 1. Corban was sort of like deferred _____
- 2. It enabled a person _____ from the money
- 3. Taking care of one’s parents is part of what it means to _____ them
- 4. And that is Jesus’ point
 - a. They _____ what God has commanded in order to follow what he has not
 - b. And this was their _____ practice

V. Jesus’ Public and Private Explanation of Purity – Vv. 14-23

A. Jesus Rejects the Pharisees

- 1. He rejects their entire _____ to God’s law
 - a. They are concerned with _____ things

- b. God is concerned with the _____
- 2. _____ don't make us holy
 - a. They _____ make us holy
- 3. The evil thoughts and actions that _____ out of our lives are what make us _____
 - a. And only _____ can cleanse our hearts and make us _____
- 4. Jesus is not condemning all _____
 - a. Only that which are not _____ with God's revealed will in Scripture
 - b. Or those traditions that become more _____ to us than God's Word

VI. The Syrophenician Woman – Vv. 24 -30

A. Jesus Travels to Gentile Territory

- 1. Why?
 - a. Perhaps to escape the _____ in Galilee
 - b. Perhaps to take the message of the Gospel to the _____
- 2. For Messiah to have such an itinerary would have been _____ to the Jews
 - a. It would have been _____

B. Tyre

- 1. Very wealthy _____ of Israel
 - a. While Galilee was _____

C. The Woman

- 1. She is a _____, a Gentile _____ from hated territory
- 2. She is _____

D. Jesus' Answer

- 1. It is a (somewhat muted) _____
 - a. The word for "_____ " is the word for a house pet
 - b. The word "first" does give some _____

E. The Woman's Response

- 1. It is _____
 - a. She accepts that she does not _____, what Israel receives from Jesus
 - b. But she is not asking for a full _____
- 2. She knows she cannot _____ on God's mercy toward her
- 3. Her answer reveals that she _____ more about Jesus and his mission than the disciples do
 - a. Her answer is an answer of _____
 - b. The answer of a true _____
- 4. And so, healing (_____) has come to the Gentiles
 - a. Those who have sincere _____ will receive the Bread of Life

VII. Another Gentile Healing – Vv. 31-37

A. Jesus Heals a Deaf Man

1. In Decapolis
 - a. Possibly near where Jesus healed “ _____ ”
2. Two _____ (from the O.T.) that are only true of God
 - a. “He has done _____ well”
 - b. “He even makes the _____ hear and the mute _____”

VIII. Another Miraculous Feeding – Mark 8:1-9a

A. In Gentile Territory

1. Jesus is teaching and miraculously feeding _____
 - a. Just as he did for _____ in Galilee
2. _____ has come to the Gentiles!
 - a. We don’t understand the _____ of that
3. “Send away” can also mean “ _____ ”

IX. The Pharisees Seek a Sign – Vv 9b-12

A. A Sign from Heaven

1. They do not mean a sign from _____
 - a. Based on the O.T. this is a _____ kind of sign
2. An apocalyptic phenomena to _____ he is Messiah
 - a. A signal that God is going to _____ them from the Romans
3. _____ will have none of it
 - a. They have been given plenty of “ _____ ”
 - b. Faith based on miraculous “proof” is not _____ at all

X. The Disciples Still Don’t Get It – Vv. 13-21

A. Jesus Warning: The Yeast of the Pharisees

1. In Jesus’ time, “yeast” symbolized _____
2. Jesus is warning them to not be infected by the obstinate _____ of the Pharisees and Herod

B. Comic Relief

1. It’s because we don’t have _____
2. They just don’t _____ it

XI. A Healing in Stages – Vv. 22-26

A. An Acted Parable

1. This healing comes directly after story of the disciples’ lack of _____
 - a. This healing _____ what is going on with the disciples
 - b. Their understanding will come in _____

XII. APPLICATION: An Understanding of Our Unworthiness

A. The Syrophenician Woman

1. This story _____ us
 - a. We don't like to hear Jesus call a woman a " _____ "
2. Why do we react that way?
 - a. It is _____
3. The woman approached Jesus in _____
 - a. Understanding she didn't _____ healing for her daughter
 - b. She knew she was not _____ of Jesus
4. _____ are not worthy either
 - a. We do not _____ the salvation Jesus offers us
 - b. But he gives it to us _____
5. Don't let pride get in the way of the _____ of that
 - a. For if we become _____, we will not fall on our faces before Jesus in our hour of desperation
6. We are _____...and yet he still died...for us...in our place