

Jesus is More than Enough

Mark 8:1-9, Jesus feeds four thousand people, and there are seven large baskets of food over.

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The multitude of four thousand people had **followed Jesus for three days**, and some of them had come from far. Mark 8:3.

They had **not eaten any food** for those three days. Mark 8:2.

They had followed Jesus because they heard **the Words of Life** that He spoke, and because they saw **the miracles** He performed.

By the Words, which Jesus spoke, **He gave them Spirit and Life**, John 6:63, 68, Luke 24:32, Luke 24:25 – 27, Luke 24:19.

By the miracles Jesus performed, **He gave them physical life, health and wholeness in their bodies**.

Acts 10:38, Luke 4:18, Luke 13:16, Matthew 4:23, 24, Matthew 8:16, 17, Matthew 9:35, Matthew 10:1, 7, 8, Matthew 12:15, Matthew 14:14, Matthew 14:35, 36, Matthew 15:30, 31, Matthew 19:2.

Their desire for the fullness of eternal life, and abundance of physical life, drew them to follow Jesus, **at great cost to their personal comfort**.

The multitude of people had no beds at night. They had no shelter from the wind and the rain. They had no regular meals. They had no shade from the heat of the mid-day sun. They must have carried skins of water to drink.

Their **hunger and thirst for righteousness** motivated them to follow Jesus. Matthew 5:6.

They were seeking for truth and wellbeing, and were prepared to pay an enormous price to obtain it.

In seeking to follow Jesus, the multitude came to the **limit of their endurance**.

They did not even have the strength to walk back home again. And there was no “McDonalds” close by.

Jesus said, “If I send them away hungry they will faint on the way, for some of them have come from far.” Mark 8:3.

Jesus saw and knew their need.

He was, and always will be, full of compassion and love and care. Mark 8:2.

He knows and cares. 1Peter 5:7.

As Jesus talked to His disciples, He indicated to them that He intended to feed the multitude. Mark 8:1-3.

The disciples said to Jesus, “How can we feed this multitude, out here, in this wilderness?” Mark 8:4.

As we follow and serve Jesus, He tells us to do things which are totally impossible for us to accomplish on our own.

Without Him we can do nothing. John 15:5. But with Him we can do all things. Mark 9:23, Mark 10:27, Matthew 17:20.

Jesus said, “How many loaves do you have? Mark 8:5.

Jesus uses what we have, to bring His purposes to pass. They also had a few small fish. Mark 8:7.

When we **bring to Jesus what we have**, He takes it, He blesses it, He multiplies it, (“brakes it”), and He gives it to us to give to those in need. Mark 8:6, 7.

Jesus meets the need fully and completely, and He makes sure that there is plenty over, so that those who had come from far, had something to take with them for the next day and beyond. Mark 8:8.

Jesus said, “I am come that you might have life, and that you might have it more abundantly.” John 10:10.

And Abraham called the name of that place, Jehovah Jireh, “The Lord will provide.” Genesis 22:14.