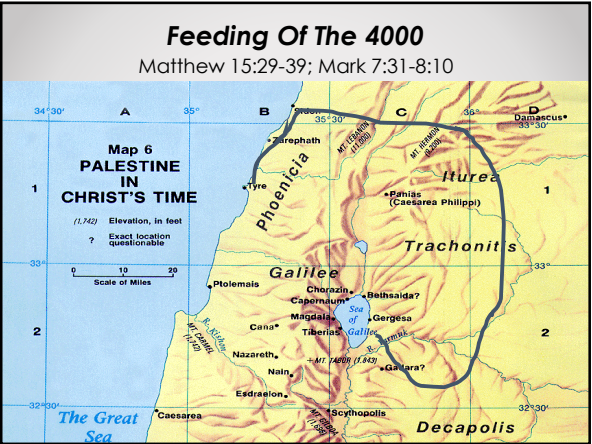


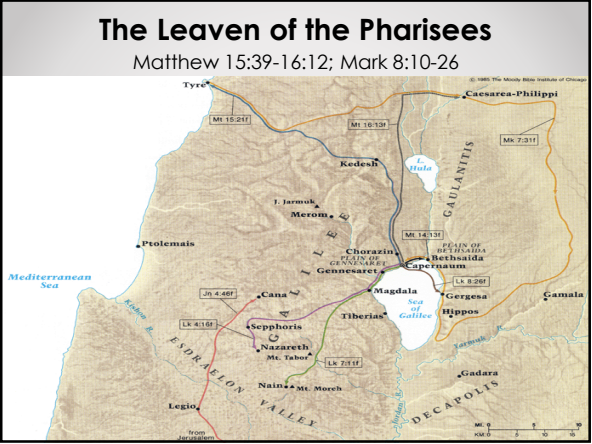
**The Life of Jesus Christ**  
**Lesson 11 – In Galilee And Beyond**  
 May 6, 2020  
**Feeding of the Four Thousand**  
 Matthew 15:29-39; Mark 7:31 - 8:10  
**The Leaven of the Pharisees**  
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**Feeding Of The 4000**  
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*“Again He went out from the region of Tyre, and came through Sidon to the Sea of Galilee, within the region of Decapolis.” (Mark 7:31)*  
*“Departing from there, Jesus went along by the Sea of Galilee, and **having gone up on the mountain, He was sitting there.**” (Matthew 15:29)*  
**“Sitting”** – Where is Jesus now sitting?  
 • (Luke 22:69; Acts 2:34; Colossians 3:1)

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*“And large crowds came to Him, bringing with them those who were lame, crippled, blind, mute, and many others, and they **laid them down at His feet; and He healed them.** So the crowd marveled as they saw the mute speaking, the crippled restored, and the lame walking, and the blind seeing; and **they glorified the God of Israel.**” (Matthew 15:30-31; cf. Luke 7:22)*  
 • Note who they ascribed glory to!  
 (Matthew 9:8; **John 15:7-8**; 12:28; 17:1)  
 One in particular is noted in Mark 7:31-37

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*“And Jesus called His disciples to Him, and said, ‘I feel compassion for the people, because they have remained with Me now three days and have nothing to eat; and I do not want to send them away hungry, for they might faint on the way.’ The disciples said to Him, ‘Where would we get so many loaves in this desolate place to satisfy such a large crowd?’” (Matthew 15:32-33)*  
 Similar to the feeding of the 5000 in John 6:1-13 ... but different. (Matthew 16:7-11)  
 What didn't happen after the feeding of the 4000 that did happen after the feeding of the 5000?



### The Leaven of the Pharisees

Matthew 15:39-16:12; Mark 8:10-26

*“The Pharisees and Sadducees came up, and testing Jesus, they asked Him to show them a sign from heaven.”* (16:1; cf. John 6:30; 20:20-31)

- Pharisees and Sadducees together. (Matthew 3:8)
- *“Argue”* or engage in a dispute (Mark 8:11) with Jesus, *“testing”* (*“maliciously, craftily”* <sup>(Thayer)</sup>)
- *“But He replied to them, ‘When it is evening, you say, ‘It will be fair weather, for the sky is red.’ And in the morning, ‘There will be a storm today, for the sky is red and threatening.’ Do you know how to discern the appearance of the sky, but cannot discern the signs of the times?’”* (16:2-3)

What type of sign did they want? (John 6:26)

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Jesus’ reply:

*“But He replied to them ...”*

- Mark’s account adds: *“Sighing deeply in His spirit ...”* (verse 12)
- *“to give forth a deep-drawn sigh ...”* <sup>(Zodhiates)</sup>

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- Able to *“discern”* temporal matters but not spiritual. (Philippians 1:9; Hebrews 5:14)
- Through their knowledge of the OT scriptures, they should have been able to discern the times and signs to recognize. (Acts 13:27, *“recognizing neither Him nor the utterances of the prophets which are read every Sabbath, fulfilled these by condemning Him ...”*)
- There’s still the need to use the scriptures to help others *“discern”* the kingdom of God.

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- *“Evil”* – *“diseased”* <sup>(Thayer)</sup> (John 3:19; Hebrews 3:12; cf. Isaiah 1:5-6; Jeremiah 30:12-15)
- *“Adulterous”* – unfaithful to God (Romans 7:3; James 4:4).
  - What was their idol?
  - Traditions of men.

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- *“The sign of Jonah”*. Not explained in this reference as it was earlier. (Matthew 12:39-40)
  - Jesus’ death, burial, and resurrection would be the only proof needed. *“... having furnished proof to all men by raising Him from the dead.”* (Acts 17:31; cf. Romans 1:4)