



## **JUST JESUS: A Journey Through Mark** **PART 26 - 8:10 - 17**

### **Dalmanutha — The Obscure Place**

**READ:** Mark 8:10 and Micah 5:2

#### **DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:**

- 1) Why do you think God so often works in small, obscure places (like Bethlehem in Micah, or Dalmanutha in Mark), rather than in famous centers of power?
- 2) How does the “immediately” of verse 10 challenge our tendency to linger in comfort rather than move into God’s next assignment?
- 3) What “Dalmanutha moments” in your life — small, hidden assignments — might God have used to teach you something significant?
- 4) Pastor G said: “The kingdom of God isn’t confined to the famous people and famous places. He also meets people in villages without headlines, in lives nobody else records.” How does that encourage you in your own walk with Jesus?

### **The Pharisees Demand a Sign**

**READ:** Mark 8:11 and Deuteronomy 6:16

#### **DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:**

- 1) What was wrong with the Pharisees’ demand for a “sign from heaven”? Why wasn’t the feeding of thousands enough for them?
- 2) How does Deuteronomy 6:16 help us understand why testing God is spiritually dangerous?
- 3) In what ways do we still fall into the same trap — asking God to “prove Himself” on our terms rather than trusting what He’s already revealed?
- 4) Pastor G said: “Faith doesn’t bargain with God. Faith remembers what He’s already done and trusts Him for who He is.” Where in your life do you need to stop bargaining and start remembering?

### **The Sigh of Jesus**

**READ:** Mark 8:12 and Isaiah 65:2

#### **DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:**

- 1) What does Jesus’ deep sigh in His Spirit reveal about His grief toward stubborn unbelief?
- 2) How is this sigh of exasperation different from His sigh of compassion in Mark 7:34? Why is it important to see both sides of His heart?
- 3) Isaiah 65:2 describes God holding out His hands to a rebellious people. How does this image deepen our understanding of Jesus’ lament here?
- 4) Pastor G said: “He groans for our brokenness, and He groans for our resistance.” Which of those two sighs do you most identify with right now — and why?

### **The Leaven and the Loaf**

**READ:** Mark 8:13–17 and 1 Corinthians 5:6–8

#### **DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:**

- 1) What does leaven symbolize in Scripture, and why does Jesus warn His disciples to beware APO (Greek) ~ from the leaven of the Pharisees and of Herod”?
- 2) How do we see the disciples missing the point — worrying about bread inventory — while Jesus is talking about deeper spiritual influence? How do we sometimes make the same mistake?

3) In verse 17, Jesus confronts them with piercing questions: "Do you not yet see or understand? Do you have a hardened heart?" How is spiritual dullness or hardness of heart still a danger for followers of Jesus today?

4) Pastor G said: "Most of our 'bread problems' aren't resource problems; they're recognition problems... Faith is about recognizing who is in the boat with us." How does that change the way you think about your current worries, and what would it look like to surrender one "no bread" complaint to Him this week?