Mark's Gospel—Jesus' True Identity Reveals the **Magnitude of His Sacrifice**

Mark 8:1-9

Our Satisfying God

Jesus' Compassion Overflows in Super Abundance.

- 1. Jesus Sees Their Need and Cares (1-3). 2. His Disciples See Only Obstacles (4). 3. Jesus Reminds Disciples of God's Provision (5-7).
- 4. The Lord Satisfies Them All with Super Abundance (8-9).

Conclusion: After turning aside with the deaf and mute man to provide a very private healing, Jesus now turns to the masses and has compassion on them in a very public way. He engages His disciples in providing for them so they do not "faint on the way." Jesus is showing them that He is sufficient for them all. He is indeed all that we need.

Second Corinthians 12:9-10

But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weaknesss." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me. For the sake of Christ, then, I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

First Corinthians 2:1-5

And I, when I came to you, brothers, did not come proclaiming to you the testimony of God with lofty speech or wisdom. For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified. And I was with you in weakness and in fear and much trembling, and my speech and my message were not in plausible words of wisdom, but *in demonstration of the Spirit and of power*, so that your faith might not rest in the wisdom of men but in the power of God.

Second Corinthians 4:5-7

For what we proclaim is not ourselves, but *Jesus Christ as Lord*, with ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake. For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. But we have this treasure in jars of clay, to show that *the surpassing power belongs to God and not to us*.

Psalm 81:1-16

Sing aloud to God our strength; shout for joy to the God of Jacob!

Raise a song; sound the tambourine, the sweet lyre with the harp.

Blow the trumpet at the new moon, at the full moon, on our feast day.

For it is a statute for Israel, a rule of the God of Jacob.

He made it a decree in Joseph when he went out over the land of Egypt.

I hear a language I had not known:

"I relieved your shoulder of the burden; your hands were freed from the basket. In distress you called, and I delivered you; *I answered you* in the secret place of thunder;

I tested you at the waters of Meribah. Selah

Hear, O my people, while I admonish you! O Israel, if you would but listen to me!

There shall be no strange god among you; you shall not bow down to a foreign god.

I am the LORD your God, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt.

Open your mouth wide, and I will fill it.

"But my people did not listen to my voice; Israel would not submit to me.

So I gave them over to their stubborn hearts, to follow their own counsels.

Oh, that my people would listen to me, that Israel would walk in my ways!

I would soon subdue their enemies and turn my hand against their foes.

Those who hate the LORD would cringe toward him, & their fate would last forever.

But he would feed you with the finest of the wheat, and with honey from the rock I would satisfy you."