



I. REASONS WHY THE FEEDING OF THE 5000 OF MARK 6 AND 4000 ARE TWO DIFFERENT MIRACLES

Different:

1. **Times:** 5000 were with Jesus one day—4000 three days
2. **Prayers:** 5000 Jesus offered one prayer—4000 two
3. **Seasons:** 5000 sat on green grass—4000 sat on no grass
4. **Amounts:** 5000 five loaves and two fish - 4000 seven loaves and a few fish
5. **Leftovers:** 5000 twelve small baskets—4000 seven large baskets
6. **Location:** 5000 at Bethsaida—4000 in the region of the ten towns
7. **Crowd:** 5000 predominantly Jews—4000 predominantly Gentiles

Jesus contrasts the incidents in Mark 8:18-21

II. JESUS' DESIRE FOR ME TO UNDERSTAND THAT HE IS THE "BREAD OF LIFE"

I am the bread that gives life. Your ancestors ate the manna in the desert, but still they died. Here is the bread that comes down from heaven. Anyone who eats this bread will never die. I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Anyone who eats this bread will live forever. This bread is my flesh, which I will give up so that the world may have life.

John 6:48-51 (NCV)

III. WAYS TO DEFEAT MY DOUBTS—MARK 8:1-21

- 1. Accept that even the greatest people of faith have doubts (v.1-4)**

- 2. Know that the Lord doesn't reject me because of my doubts (v.5)**

- 3. Understand that God can still do the impossible through me—despite my doubts—if I do what He asks (v.6-10)**

- 4. Refuse to allow my doubts to become cynicism (v.11-13)**

- 5. Focus on the Lord and not my circumstances (v.14-17)**

**Turn your doubts to questions
Turn your questions to prayers
Turn your prayers to God.
Mark Littlejohn**

- 6. Intentionally remember all that God has done for me in the past (v.18-21)**

Perhaps you will think to yourselves, 'How can we ever conquer these nations that are so much more powerful than we are?' But don't be afraid of them! Just remember what the LORD your God did to Pharaoh and to all the land of Egypt. Remember the great terrors the LORD your God sent against them. You saw it all with your own eyes! And remember the miraculous signs and wonders, and the strong hand and powerful arm with which he brought you out of Egypt. The LORD your God will use this same power against all the people you fear.

Deuteronomy 7:17-18 (NLT)