



**Out of Favor
& On the Move**

To Review:

1. Jesus had for the 1st time attempted to withdraw from the crowds but had been unable to. When great throngs followed, He fed 5,000.
2. In response to that miracle, some had tried to make Him king; Jesus resisted that attempt.
3. Later that night, Jesus had come walking on the water to the disciples and stilled a storm that threatened them; they were amazed beyond measure.

We Left Off at Mark 6:53-56

53 When they had crossed over they came to land at Gennesaret, and moored to the shore. **54** When they got out of the boat, immediately the people recognized Him, **55** and ran about that whole country and began to carry here and there on their pallets those who were sick, to the place they heard He was. **56** Wherever He entered villages, or cities, or countryside, they were laying the sick in the market places, and imploring Him that they might just touch the fringe of His cloak; and as many as touched it were being cured.

John 6:22-25

22 The next day the crowd that stood on the other side of the sea saw that there was no other small boat there, except one, and that Jesus had not entered with His disciples into the boat, but that His disciples had gone away alone. **23** There came other small boats from Tiberias near to the place where they ate the bread after the Lord had given thanks. **24** So when the crowd saw that Jesus was not there, nor His disciples, they themselves got into the small boats, and came to Capernaum seeking Jesus. **25** When they found Him on the other side of the sea, they said to Him, “Rabbi, when did You get here?”



This Teaching Takes Place

- In Capernaum, the day following the feeding of the 5,000.
- This is a message of rebuke.
- John 6:26 –
Jesus answered them and said, “Truly, truly, I say to you, you seek Me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate of the loaves and were filled.”

Jesus' Demands

1.6:27-29

2.6:35-40

3.6:45-51

4.6:52-58



Catholic “Proof-Text”

The Response of the “Disciples”

60 Therefore many of His disciples, when they heard this said, “This is a difficult statement; who can listen to it?” **61** But Jesus, conscious that His disciples grumbled at this, said to them, “Does this cause you to stumble? **62** What then if you see the Son of Man ascending to where He was before? **63** It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh profits nothing; the words that I have spoken to you are spirit and are life. **64** But there are some of you who do not believe.” For Jesus knew from the beginning who they were who did not believe, and who it was that would betray Him. **65** And He was saying, “For this reason I have said to you, that no one can come to Me unless it has been granted him from the Father.”

John 6:66

**“As a result of this
many of His
disciples withdrew
and were not walking
with Him anymore.”**

The Twelve: John 6:67-71

67 So Jesus said to the twelve, “You do not want to go away also, do you?” **68** Simon Peter answered Him, “Lord, to whom shall we go? You have words of eternal life. **69** We have believed and have come to know that You are the Holy One of God.” **70** Jesus answered them, “Did I Myself not choose you, the twelve, and yet one of you is a devil?” **71** Now He meant Judas the son of Simon Iscariot, for he, one of the twelve, was going to betray Him.

John's Simple Analysis in 7:1

“After these things Jesus was walking in Galilee, for He was unwilling to walk in Judea because the Jews were seeking to kill Him.”

We Are Now Entering

**The Final Year of
Jesus' Ministry**



The Ministry Focus Has Changed

Jesus has turned from
Public Presentation of
Himself as Messiah
of Israel:

- Saturating all of the lands of the Jews with the gospel
- Vindicating the claim by means of miracles

To a focus on Private
Preparation of His
disciples for His
impending death:

- Seeking solitude from the crowds
- Avoiding miracles and continuing to speak in parables

Jesus Knows

- That the Jews are hungry to see Him dead, and He sets out to privately prepare His disciples for His death, resurrection, and subsequent absence from them.
- For the next several months, Jesus will deliberately seek solitude with His disciples, which proves to be very difficult.
- These 6 months are to be passed in the exclusive company of the Twelve, and it is also spent in heathen lands, where few Jews would be encountered.

Mark 7:24

“Jesus got up and went away from there to *the region of Tyre*. And when He had entered a house, He wanted no one to know of it; yet He could not escape notice.”



Mark 7:25-30

The Faith of a Syro- Phoenician Woman



Why is Jesus Reluctant?

“The truth is that His reluctance was not due at all to the fact that the woman was a Gentile, but wholly to the circumstance that He had gone to those parts in search of seclusion. He desired to be alone with the Twelve and impart to them the instruction which they so much needed; and it was with a feeling of dismay that He observed the approach of a suppliant. He foresaw the consequence of granting her petition. The fame of the miracle would go abroad, and He would presently be surrounded by a crowd – sufferers craving relief and others who came only to gaze and admire. Therefore He would fain work no miracle, and He would have been no whit less reluctant had the suppliant been an Israelite.”

• *Smith, Days of His Flesh*

Mark 7:31

“Again He went out from the region of Tyre, and came through Sidon to the Sea of Galilee, within *the region of Decapolis.*”



Matthew 15:29-31

29 Departing from there, Jesus went along by the Sea of Galilee, and having gone up on the mountain, He was sitting there. **30** 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. **31** 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.



Mark 7:32-37 |



**Mark 8:1-9
(also Matthew
15:30-38)**

**Feeding of the
4,000**

Haven't We Seen This Before?

- Jesus fed 5,000 in Matthew 14, Mark 6, Luke 9, and John 6.
- Skeptics say the biblical authors are simply restating the same story.
 1. Matthew and Mark must have short term memory loss if this is the case...
 2. The setting, the numbers, the results, and most importantly, the audience is totally different.

Brief Foray in Galilee

- Matthew 15:39 – “And sending away the crowds, Jesus got into the boat and came to the region of **Magadan**.”
- Mark 8:10 – “And immediately He entered the boat with His disciples and came to the district of **Dalmanutha**.”

Is this another “contradiction?”

Dalmanutha: Biblical town referred to in the Gospel of Mark may have been discovered by archaeologists

Ancient town has been found on the northwest coast of the Sea of Galilee

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Matthew 16:1-4 (also Mark 8:11-12)



Matthew 16:5-12 (Mark 8:13-21)



Mark 8:22-26

22 And they came to Bethsaida. And they brought a blind man to Jesus and implored Him to touch him. **23** Taking the blind man by the hand, He brought him out of the village; and after spitting on his eyes and laying His hands on him, He asked him, “Do you see anything?” **24** And he looked up and said, “I see men, for I see them like trees, walking around.” **25** Then again He laid His hands on his eyes; and he looked intently and was restored, and began to see everything clearly. **26** And He sent him to his home, saying, “Do not even enter the village.”

Notice:

- Jesus is very careful not to excite the curiosity of the multitudes as He performs this miracle.
- His intention now (and has been for several months in His journeys to Tyre, the Decapolis, and back and forth across the Sea of Galilee) is to get alone with His disciples.

IMPORTANT:

Up to this point in Jesus' ministry – that is, through the first 2 ½ years and even well into this final year – Jesus has not once foretold His death in an explicit manner.

Indeed, when He does foretell that event, the very concept of His dying has a devastating effect on His closest disciples.

**Next Week:
Alone at
Last**

**“Jesus
came into
the district
of
Caesarea
Philippi”**



