

Sunday, January 2, 2022

Mark 7:31 - 8:9

When you were a child, what did you want to be when you grew up?

1. Why do you suppose the miracle of healing the deaf and mute man is only chronicled in the book of Mark?
2. Why do you think Jesus sighed (verse 34)?
3. II Corinthians 4:3-4 says, "But if our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost: In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, Who is the image of God, should shine unto them.

What does this verse mean and what might it have to do with this account in Mark?

4. Verse 33 says, that Jesus took him aside from the multitude. Why do you suppose that was?
5. In Mark 8:2 Jesus says He has compassion on the multitudes. Why does Jesus have compassion at all?
6. Hebrews 4:15 tells us, "For we have not a high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities...". How does this help us understand Mark 8?
7. What does verse 4 tell us about our own proclivities?
8. There were 7 baskets full of "leftovers". In the New Testament there are seven Gentile churches that received epistles from Paul (Romans, Corinthians, Galatians, Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians, and Thessalonians). There are also seven letters to seven Gentile churches from Jesus Christ in the book of the Revelation (Ephesus, Smyrna, Pergamum, Thyatira, Sardis, Philadelphia, and Laodicea). There are also seven "Kingdom Parables" from Matthew 13 (The Sower and the Seed, the Wheat and the Tares, the Mustard Seed, the Woman and the Leaven, the Treasure Hidden in the Field, the Pearl of Great Price, the Dragnet). Do you suppose this is coincidence?