

Gospel Harmony Event # 70a

Matthew 15:39-16:12; Mark 8:10-26

[Question #1] Immediately got into the boat with His disciples, and came into the region of Magdala to the region of Dalmanutha.

Then the Pharisees and Sadducees came out and began to dispute with Him, and testing Him asked that He would show them a sign from heaven. But He sighed deeply in His spirit, answered and said to them, "Why does this generation seek a sign? When it is evening you say, 'It will be fair weather, for the sky is red'; and in the morning, 'It will be foul weather today, for the sky is red and threatening.' Hypocrites! You know how to discern the face of the sky, but you cannot discern the signs of the times. A wicked and adulterous generation seeks after a sign, assuredly, I say to you, no sign shall be given to this generation except the sign of the prophet Jonah." And He left them and getting into the boat again, departed to the other side.

[Question #2] Now when His disciples had come to the other side, they had forgotten to take bread and they did not have more than one loaf with them in the boat. Then Jesus said to [charged] them, saying, "Take heed and beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and the Sadducees and the leaven of Herod."

[Question #3] And they reasoned among themselves, saying, "It is because we have taken no bread."

But Jesus, being aware of it, said to them, "O you of little faith, why do you reason among yourselves because you have brought no bread? Do you not yet perceive nor understand, or remember the five loaves of the five thousand and how many baskets you took up? Nor the seven loaves of the four thousand and how many large baskets you took up? How is it you do not understand that I did not speak to you concerning bread? Is your heart still hardened? Having eyes, do you not see? And having ears, do you not hear? And do you not remember? When I broke the five loaves for the five thousand, how many baskets full of fragments did you take up?"

They said to Him, "Twelve."

"Also, when I broke the seven for the four thousand, how many large baskets full of fragments did you take up?"

And they said, "Seven."

So He said to them, "How is it you do not understand?"

[Question #4] "But beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and Sadducees." Then they understood that He did not tell them to beware of the leaven of bread, but of the doctrine of the Pharisees and Sadducees.

[Question #5] Then He came to Bethsaida; and they brought a blind man to Him, and begged Him to touch him. So He took the blind man by the hand and led him out of the town. And when He had spit on his eyes and put His hands on him, He asked him if he saw anything.

And he looked up and said, "I see men like trees, walking."

Then He put *His* hands on his eyes again and made him look up. And he was restored and saw everyone clearly. Then He sent him away to his house, saying, “Neither go into the town, nor tell anyone in the town.”

1. What were the "signs of the times," and what was the "sign of Jonah?" Why is the sign of Jonah appropriate for the Pharisees and Sadducees? [Mathew 15:39-16:4; [Mark 8:10-12](#)]
2. What was the leaven (doctrine) of the Pharisees, the Sadducees, and Herod? [Matthew 16:5-6; [Mark 8:13-15](#)]
3. Explain the disciples' misunderstanding. [Matthew 16:5-11; [Mark 8:16-21](#)]
4. Why did Jesus identify doctrine with leaven? [Matthew 16:11-12]
5. Why wasn't the man completely healed immediately? [[Mark 8:22-26](#)]