

Questions for Gospel Harmony #61

Matthew 9.35-11.1; Mark 6.6-13; Luke 9.1-6

Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every sickness and every disease among the people. But when He saw the multitudes, He was moved with compassion for them, because they were weary and scattered, like sheep having no shepherd. Then he said to His disciples, "The harvest truly is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest. **And He called the twelve disciples together to Himself and gave them power and authority over all demons**, to cast them out, and to heal all kinds of sickness and all kinds of disease. These twelve Jesus sent out **two by two to preach the kingdom of God and to heal the sick. He commanded them to take nothing for the journey except a staff – no bag, no bread, no copper in their money belts – but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics**, and commanded them, saying, "Do not go into the way of the Gentiles, and do not enter a city of the Samaritans. But go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. And as you go, preach, saying 'The kingdom of heaven is at hand.' Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out demons. Freely you have received, freely give. **And He said to them, "Take nothing for the journey**, provide neither gold nor silver **nor money** nor copper in your money belts, **neither staff nor bag** for your journey, **nor bread; and do not have two tunics apiece**, nor sandals, nor staffs; for a worker is worthy of his food.

Also He said to them, "Now whatever city or town you enter, inquire who in it is worthy, and stay there till you go out. And when you go into a household, greet it. And if the household is worthy, let your peace come upon it. But if it is not worthy, let your peace return to you. **In whatever place you enter a house, stay there till you depart from that place. And whoever will not receive you nor hear you**, when you depart from that house or city, **shake of the very dust from your feet as a testimony against them**. Assuredly, I say to you, it will be more tolerable for the land of Sodom and Gomorrah in the day of judgment than for that city!

"Behold, I send you out as sheep in the midst of wolves. Therefore, be wise as serpents and harmless as doves. But beware of men, for they will deliver you up to councils and scourge you in their synagogues. You will be brought before governors and kings for My sake, as a testimony to them and to the Gentiles. But when they deliver you up, do not worry about how or what you should speak. For it will be given to you in that hour what you should speak; for it is not you who speak, but the Spirit of your Father who speaks in you.

"Now brother will deliver up brother to death, and a father *his* child; and children will rise up against parents and cause them to be put to death. And you will be hated by all for My name's sake. But he who endures to the end will be saved. When they persecute you in this city, flee to another. For assuredly, I say to you, you will not have gone through the cities of Israel before the Son of Man comes.

"A disciple is not above *his* teacher, nor a servant above his master. It is enough for a disciple that he be like his teacher, and a servant like his master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebub, how

much more *will they call* those of his household! Therefore do not fear them. For there is nothing covered that will not be revealed, and hidden that will not be known.

“Whatever I tell you in the dark, speak in the light; and what you hear in the ear, preach on the housetops. And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. But rather fear Him who is able to destroy both soul and body in hell. Are not two sparrows sold for a copper coin? And not one of them falls to the ground apart from your Father’s will. But the very hairs of your head are all numbered. Do not fear therefore; you are of more value than many sparrows.

“Therefore whoever confesses Me before men, him I will also confess before My Father who is in heaven. But whoever denies Me before men, him I will also deny before My Father who is in heaven.

“Do not think that I came to bring peace on earth. I did not come to bring peace but a sword. For I have come to ‘set a man against his father, a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law’; and ‘a man’s enemies *will be* those of his *own* household.’ He who loves father or mother more than Me is not worthy of Me. And he who loves son or daughter more than Me is not worthy of Me. And he who does not take his cross and follow after Me is not worthy of Me. He who finds his life will lose it, and he who loses his life for My sake will find it.

“He who receives you receives Me, and he who receives Me receives Him who sent Me. He who receives a prophet in the name of a prophet shall receive a prophet’s reward. And he who receives a righteous man in the name of a righteous man shall receive a righteous man’s reward. And whoever gives one of these little ones only a cup of cold *water* in the name of a disciple, assuredly, I say to you, he shall by no means lose his reward.”

So they departed and went through the towns, preaching the gospel and preached that people should repent. And they cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick, healing everywhere. Now it came to pass, when Jesus had finished commanding His twelve disciples, that He departed from there to teach and to preach in their cities.

1. Why did Jesus send out the twelve? [Matthew 9.35-10.5; Mark 6.7; Luke 9.1-2]
2. Explain the restrictions Jesus placed on His disciples during their journeys. [Matthew 10.5-10; Mark 6.8-9; Luke 9.3]
3. What was the difference between a "worthy" city and one that was "not worthy?" [Matthew 10.11-15; Mark 6.10-11; Luke 9.4-5]
4. What demeanor did Jesus instruct the twelve to have while they did this work? [Matthew 10.16-22]
5. Explain the saying, "You will not have gone through the cities of Israel before the Son of Man comes." [Matthew 10.23]
6. Explain the relationship between Jesus and His disciples, both before men and before God. [Matthew 10.24-33]
7. What did Jesus mean when he said, "I did not come to bring peace but a sword?" [Matthew 10.34-39]
8. What does it mean to "receive" one of the disciples, Jesus, a prophet, and a righteous man? [Matthew 10.40-42]

9. Where did the disciples go from there? Where did Jesus go? [Matthew 11.1; Mark 6.12-13; Luke 9.6]

Questions for Gospel Harmony #62

Matthew 14.1-12; Mark 6.14-29; Luke 9.7-9

At that time Herod the tetrarch heard the report about Jesus, of all that was done by Him, for His name had become well known. And he said to his servants "John I have beheaded, but who is this of whom I hear such things? This is John the Baptist; he is risen from the dead, and therefore these powers are at work in him." So he sought to see Him.

Others said, "It is Elijah."

And others said, "It is the Prophet, or like one of the prophets."

But when Herod heard, he said, "This is John, whom I beheaded; he has been raised from the dead!" For Herod himself had sent and laid hold of John, and bound him in prison for the sake of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife; for he had married her. Because John said to Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife."

Therefore Herodias held it against him and wanted to kill him, but she could not; for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a just and holy man, and he protected him. And when he heard him, he did many things, and heard him gladly. And although he wanted to put him to death, he feared the multitude, because they counted him as a prophet.

But when Herod's birthday was celebrated, an opportune day came when Herod on his birthday gave a feast for his nobles, the high officers, and the chief men of Galilee. And when Herodias' daughter herself came in and danced before them and pleased Herod and those who sat with him, the king said to the girl, "Ask me whatever you want, and I will give it to you." He also swore to her, "Whatever you ask me, I will give you, up to half my kingdom."

So she went out and said to her mother, "What shall I ask?"

And she said, "The head of John the Baptist!"

So she, having been prompted by her mother, immediately came in with haste to the king and asked, saying, "I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter."

And the king was exceedingly sorry; yet, because of the oaths and because of those who sat with him, he did not want to refuse her. He commanded it to be given to her. Immediately the king sent an executioner and commanded his head to be brought. And he went and beheaded him in prison, brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl; and the girl gave it to her mother. When his disciples heard of it, they came and took away his corpse and laid it in a tomb, and went and told Jesus.

1. Why did Herod think that Jesus was John the Baptist raised from the dead? [Matthew 14:1-2; Mark 6:14; Luke 9:7-9]
2. Why did others think He was Elijah or one of the prophets? [Mark 6:15-16]
3. Explain Herod's relationship to John. Did he want to kill him, and why? [Matthew 14:3-5; Mark 6:17-20]
4. Explain this series of events. Why was Herod sorrowful? [Matthew 14:6-9; Mark 6:21-26]
5. After John had died, why did his disciples go to tell Jesus? [Matthew 14:10-12; Mark 6:27-29]

Questions for Gospel Harmony #63

Matthew 14:13-36; Mark 6:30-56; Luke 9:10-17; John 6:1-21

[Question #1] Then the apostles gathered to Jesus when they had returned and told Him all things, both what they had done and what they had taught. And He said to them, "Come aside by yourselves to a deserted place and rest a while." For there were many coming and going, and they did not even have time to eat. After these things when Jesus heard it, He took them and went aside privately from there in the boat over the Sea of Galilee, which is the Sea of Tiberias, into a deserted place belonging to the city called Bethsaida.

But when the multitudes knew it, [they] saw them departing, and many knew Him and ran there on foot from all the cities. A great multitude followed Him, because they saw His signs which He performed on those who were diseased. They arrived before them and came together to Him. And when Jesus went out He saw a great multitude; and He was moved with compassion for them, because they were like sheep not having a shepherd, and He received them. So He began to teach them many things, and spoke to them about the kingdom of God, and healed those who had need of healing. And Jesus went up on the mountain, and there He sat with His disciples.

[Question #2] Now the Passover, a feast of the Jews, was near. When the day began to wear away, it was evening, the twelve came and said to Him, "This is a deserted place, and already the hour is late, send the multitudes away, that they may go into the surrounding country and villages and buy themselves bread; for they have nothing to eat. But Jesus said to them, "They do not need to go away."

Then Jesus lifted up His eyes, and seeing a great multitude coming toward Him, He said to Philip, "Where shall we buy bread, that these may eat?" But this He said to test him, for He Himself knew what He would do.

Philip answered Him, "Two hundred denarii worth of bread is not sufficient for them, that every one of them may have a little."

But He answered and said to them, "You give them something to eat."

And they said to Him, "Shall we go and buy two hundred denarii worth of bread and give them something to eat?"

And He said to them, "How many loaves do you have? Go and see."

One of His disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to Him, "There is a lad here who has five barley loaves and two small fish, but what are they among so many unless we go and buy food for all these people? For there were about five thousand men.

[Question #3] He said, "Bring them here to Me." Then He said to His disciples, "Make them sit down in groups of fifty." And they did so, and made them all sit down. So they sat down in ranks, in hundreds and in fifties. Now there was much grass in the place. So the men sat down. And He took the five loaves and the two fish, and looking up to heaven, He blessed and broke and gave the loaves to the disciples, and the

disciples gave to the multitudes; and likewise of the fish, as much as they wanted. So they all ate and were filled.

So when they were filled, He said to His disciples, "Gather up the fragments that remain, so that nothing is lost." Therefore they gathered them up, and filled twelve baskets with the fragments of the five barley loaves and of the fish which were left over by those who had eaten. Now those who had eaten were about five thousand men, besides women and children. Then those men, when they had seen the sign that Jesus did, said, "This is truly the Prophet who is to come into the world." Therefore when Jesus perceived that they were about to come and take Him by force to make Him king, he departed again to the mountain by Himself alone.

[Question #4] Immediately Jesus made His disciples get into the boat and go before Him to the other side, to Bethsaida, while He sent the multitudes away. And when He had sent the multitudes away, He went up on the mountain by Himself to pray. Now when evening came, the boat was in the middle of the sea; and He was alone on the land, and it was already dark, and Jesus had not come to them. Then the sea arose because a great wind was blowing. Then He saw them straining at rowing, for the wind was against them. Now about the fourth watch of the night He came to them, walking on the sea, and would have passed them by. So when they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the sea and drawing near the boat; and they were afraid. They supposed it was a ghost, and cried out; for they all saw him, and were troubled. But immediately Jesus spoke to them, saying, "Be of good cheer! It is I; do not be afraid."

[Question #5] And Peter answered Him and said, "Lord, if it is You, command me to come to You on the water."

So He said, "Come." And when Peter had come down out of the boat, he walked on the water to go to Jesus. But when he saw that the wind was boisterous, he was afraid; and beginning to sink he cried out, saying, "Lord, save me!"

And immediately Jesus stretched out His hand and caught him, and said to him, "O you of little faith, why did you doubt?" Then He went up into the boat to them, then they willingly received Him into the boat. And when they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And they were greatly amazed in themselves beyond measure, and marveled. For they had not understood about the loaves, because their heart was hardened. And immediately the boat was at the land where they were going.

[Question #6] Then those who were in the boat came and worshiped Him, saying, "Truly You are the Son of God."

When they had crossed over, they came to the land of Gennesaret and anchored there. And when they came out of the boat, immediately the people recognized Him, they sent out and ran through that whole surrounding region, and began to carry about on beds those who were sick to wherever they heard He was. Wherever He entered, into villages, cities, or the country, they laid the sick in the marketplaces, and begged Him that they might just touch the hem of His garment. And as many as touched Him were made well.

1. Why did Jesus see a need to go aside privately? Did it work? [Matthew 14:13-14; Mark 6:30-34; Luke 9:10-11; John 6:1-3]
2. Why was it important for Jesus' disciples to provide food for the multitude? [Matthew 14:15-17; Mark 6:35-38; Luke 9:12-14; John 6:4-9]
3. Explain Jesus' miracle and the effect it had on the people. [Matthew 14:18-21; Mark 6:39-44; Luke 9:14-17; John 6:10-15]
4. Why did Jesus send His disciples across ahead of Him? Why did He walk on the sea to catch up with them? [Matthew 14:22-27; Mark 6:45-50; John 6:16-20]
5. Explain Peter's doubt and the disciples' hardened hearts. [Matthew 14:28-32; Mark 6:51-52; John 6:21]
6. What was the result of these miracles? How did the disciples and the multitudes respond? [Matthew 14:33-36; Mark 6:53-56]

Questions for Gospel Harmony #64

John 6:22-71

[Question #1] On the following day, when the people who were standing on the other side of the sea saw that there was no other boat there, except that one which His disciples had entered, and that Jesus had not entered the boat with His disciples, but His disciples had gone away alone— however, other boats came from Tiberias, near the place where they ate bread after the Lord had given thanks— when the people therefore saw that Jesus was not there, nor His disciples, they also got into boats and came to Capernaum, seeking Jesus. And when they found Him on the other side of the sea, they said to Him, “Rabbi, when did You come here?”

Jesus answered them and said, “Most assuredly, I say to you, you seek Me, not because you saw the signs, but because you ate of the loaves and were filled. Do not labor for the food which perishes, but for the food which endures to everlasting life, which the Son of Man will give you, because God the Father has set His seal on Him.”

[Question #2] Then they said to Him, “What shall we do, that we may work the works of God?”

Jesus answered and said to them, “This is the work of God, that you believe in Him whom He sent.”

Therefore they said to Him, “What sign will You perform then, that we may see it and believe You? What work will You do? Our fathers ate the manna in the desert; as it is written, ‘He gave them bread from heaven to eat.’”

Then Jesus said to them, “Most assuredly, I say to you, Moses did not give you the bread from heaven, but My Father gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is He who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.”

[Question #3] Then they said to Him, “Lord, give us this bread always.”

And Jesus said to them, “I am the bread of life. He who comes to Me shall never hunger, and he who believes in Me shall never thirst. But I said to you that you have seen Me and yet do not believe. All that the Father gives Me will come to Me, and the one who comes to Me I will by no means cast out. For I have come down from heaven, not to do My own will, but the will of Him who sent Me. This is the will of the Father who sent Me, that of all He has given Me I should lose nothing, but should raise it up at the last day. And this is the will of Him who sent Me, that everyone who sees the Son and believes in Him may have everlasting life; and I will raise him up at the last day.”

[Question #4] The Jews then complained about Him, because He said, “I am the bread which came down from heaven.” And they said, “Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How is it then that He says, ‘I have come down from heaven’?”

Jesus therefore answered and said to them, “Do not murmur among yourselves. No one can come to Me unless the Father who sent Me draws him; and I will raise him up at the last day. It is written in the prophets, ‘And they shall all be taught by God.’ Therefore everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to Me. Not that anyone has seen the Father, except He who is from God; He has seen the

Father. Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me has everlasting life. I am the bread of life. Your fathers ate the manna in the wilderness, and are dead. This is the bread which comes down from heaven, that one may eat of it and not die.

[Question #5] I am the living bread which came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever; and the bread that I shall give is My flesh, which I shall give for the life of the world."

The Jews therefore quarreled among themselves, saying, "How can this Man give us His flesh to eat?"

Then Jesus said to them, "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink His blood, you have no life in you. Whoever eats My flesh and drinks My blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up at the last day. For My flesh is food indeed, and My blood is drink indeed. He who eats My flesh and drinks My blood abides in Me, and I in him. As the living Father sent Me, and I live because of the Father, so he who feeds on Me will live because of Me. This is the bread which came down from heaven—not as your fathers ate the manna, and are dead. He who eats this bread will live forever."

These things He said in the synagogue as He taught in Capernaum.

[Question #6] Therefore many of His disciples, when they heard this, said, "This is a hard saying; who can understand it?"

When Jesus knew in Himself that His disciples complained about this, He said to them, "Does this offend you? What then if you should see the Son of Man ascend where He was before? It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh profits nothing. The words that I speak to you are spirit, and they are life. 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 would betray Him. And He said, "Therefore I have said to you that no one can come to Me unless it has been granted to him by My Father."

From that time many of His disciples went back and walked with Him no more.

[Question #7] Then Jesus said to the twelve, "Do you also want to go away?"

But Simon Peter answered Him, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Also we have come to believe and know that You are the Christ, the Son of the living God."

Jesus answered them, "Did I not choose you, the twelve, and one of you is a devil?" He spoke of Judas Iscariot, the son of Simon, for it was he who would betray Him, being one of the twelve.

1. Why were the people seeking Jesus? Why was this insufficient? [[John 6:22-27](#)]
2. Why do the people contrast Jesus with Moses in this passage? What role does bread play in this contrast? [[John 6:28-33](#)]
3. How is Jesus the bread of life? [[John 6:34-40](#)]
4. Why do the people reject Jesus' claim, and how does Jesus' answer correspond to their accusations? [[John 6:41-50](#)]
5. Explain the phrase, "Unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink His blood, you have no life in you." [[John 6:51-59](#)]
6. Why would Jesus give such a hard saying to drive His disciples away? [[John 6:60-66](#)]
7. Explain the phrase, "Did I not choose you, the twelve, and one of you is a devil?" [[John 6:67-71](#)]

Gospel Harmony Event # 65

Matthew 15:1-20; Mark 7:1-23; John 7:1

[Question #1] After these things Jesus walked in Galilee; for He did not want to walk in Judea, because the Jews sought to kill Him. Then the Pharisees and some of the scribes came together to Him, having come from Jerusalem. Now when they saw some of His disciples eat bread with defiled, that is, with unwashed hands, they found fault. For the Pharisees and all the Jews do not eat unless they wash *their* hands in a special way, holding the tradition of the elders. *When they come* from the marketplace, they do not eat unless they wash. And there are many other things which they have received and hold, *like* the washing of cups, pitchers, copper vessels, and couches.

Then the Pharisees and scribes asked Him, “Why do Your disciples not walk according to the tradition of the elders, but eat bread with unwashed hands? For they do not wash their hands when they eat bread.”

[Question #2] He answered and said to them, “Why do you also transgress the commandment of God because of your tradition? Well did Isaiah prophesy of you hypocrites, as it is written:

‘This people honors Me with *their* lips,
But their heart is far from Me.
And in vain they worship Me,
Teaching *as* doctrines the commandments of men.’

For laying aside the commandment of God, you hold the tradition of men—the washing of pitchers and cups, and many other such things you do.”

[Question #3] He said to them, “*All too well* you reject the commandment of God, that you may keep your tradition. For God [Moses] said, ‘Honor your father and your mother’; and, ‘He who curses father or mother, let him be put to death.’ But you say, ‘If a man [whoever] says to his father or mother, “Whatever profit you might have received from me *is* Corban” — (that is, a gift *to* God), then he need not honor his father or mother.’ You no longer let him do anything for his father or his mother. Thus you have made the commandment of God of no effect by your tradition, which you have handed down. And many such things you do.”

[Questions #4] When He had called all the multitude to *Himself*, He said to them, “Hear Me, everyone, and understand: Not what goes into the mouth defiles a man, there is nothing that enters a man from outside which can defile him; but what comes out of the mouth, this defiles a man. If anyone has ears to hear, let him hear!”

When He had entered a house away from the crowd, His disciples came and said to Him, “Do You know that the Pharisees were offended when they heard this saying?”

But He answered and said, “Every plant which My heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted. Let them alone. They are blind leaders of the blind. And if the blind leads the blind, both will fall into a ditch.”

[Question #5] Then Peter answered and said to Him, "Explain this parable to us." So He said to them, "Are you thus still without understanding also? Do you not perceive that whatever enters a man from outside cannot defile him, because it does not enter his heart but his stomach, and is eliminated, *thus* purifying all foods?" And He said, those things which proceed out of the mouth come from the heart, and they defile a man. For out of the heart proceed evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, blasphemies, **pride, foolishness.** All these evil things come from within and these are *the things* which defile a man, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile a man."

1. Explain the traditions of the Pharisees. Where did they come from? [Matthew 15:1-2; Mark 7:1-5; John 7:1]
2. What was the context of this prophecy from Isaiah (Isaiah 29:13)? How does it fit the Pharisees well? [Matthew 15:3, 7-9; Mark 7:6-8]
3. How did the Pharisees prevent the people from following the commandments of God? [Matthew 15:4-6; Mark 7:9-13]
4. Explain the figure of the blind leading the blind. [Matthew 15:10-14; Mark 7:14-16]
5. What is the difference between what enters a man and what comes from within? [Matthew 15:16-20; Mark 7:17-23]

Gospel Harmony Event # 66-67

Matthew 15:21-28; Mark 7:24-30

[Question #1] From there Jesus arose and departed to the region of Tyre and Sidon.

[Question #2] And He entered a house and wanted no one to know *it*, but He could not be hidden. For behold, a woman of Canaan whose young daughter had an unclean spirit heard about Him, and she came from that region and fell at His feet and cried out to Him, saying, "Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David! My daughter is severely demon-possessed." But He answered her not a word. The woman was a Greek, a Syro-Phoenician by birth, and she kept asking Him to cast the demon out of her daughter.

[Question #3] And His disciples came and urged Him, saying, "Send her away, for she cries out after us."

But He answered and said, "I was not sent except to the lost sheep of the house of Israel."

[Question #4] Then she came and worshiped Him, saying, "Lord, help me!"

But Jesus said to her, "Let the children be filled first, for it is not good to take the children's bread and throw *it* to the little dogs."

And she answered and said to Him, "Yes, Lord, yet even the little dogs under the table eat from the children's crumbs from their masters' table."

[Question #5] Then Jesus answered and said to her, "O woman, great *is* your faith! For this saying go your way; let it be to you as you desire, the demon has gone out of your daughter." And her daughter was healed from that very hour. And when she had come to her house, she found the demon gone out, and her daughter lying on the bed.

1. Is it significant that Jesus travelled to a Canaanite region? [Matthew 15:21; Mark 7:24]
2. Who was the Canaanite woman? Why did she come to Jesus? [Matthew 15:22-23; Mark 7:24-26]
3. Explain the saying, "I was not sent except to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." [Matthew 15:23-24]
4. Explain Jesus' parable and the woman's response. [Matthew 15:25-27; Mark 7:27-28]
5. Did Jesus change His mind about healing the woman's daughter? [Matthew 15:28; Mark 7:29-30]

Gospel Harmony Event # 68-69

Matthew 15:29-39; Mark 7:31-8:9

[Question #1] Again, departing from the region of Tyre and Sidon, Jesus skirted the Sea of Galilee through the midst of the region of Decapolis, and went up on the mountain and sat down there.

[Question #2] Then they brought to Him one who was deaf and had an impediment in his speech, and they begged Him to put His hand on him. And He took him aside from the multitude, and put His fingers in his ears, and He spat and touched his tongue. Then, looking up to heaven, He sighed, and said to him, “Ephphatha,” that is, “Be opened.”

Immediately his ears were opened, and the impediment of his tongue was loosed, and he spoke plainly. Then He commanded them that they should tell no one; but the more He commanded them, the more widely they proclaimed *it*. And they were astonished beyond measure, saying, “He has done all things well. He makes both the deaf to hear and the mute to speak.”

[Question #3] Then great multitudes came to Him, having with them *the* lame, blind, mute, maimed, and many others; and they laid them down at Jesus’ feet, and He healed them. So the multitude marveled when they saw *the* mute speaking, *the* maimed made whole, *the* lame walking, and *the* blind seeing; and they glorified the God of Israel.

[Question #4] Now, in those days, the multitude being very great and having nothing to eat, Jesus called His disciples to *Himself* and said, “I have compassion on the multitude, because they have now continued with Me three days and have nothing to eat. And I do not want to send them away hungry; if I send them away hungry to their own houses, they will faint on the way; for some of them have come from afar.”

Then His disciples answered Him, “How can one satisfy these people with bread here in the wilderness? Where could we get enough bread in the wilderness to fill such a great multitude?”

Jesus asked them, “How many loaves do you have?”

And they said, “Seven, and a few little fish.”

So He commanded the multitude to sit down on the ground. And He took the seven loaves and the fish and gave thanks, broke *them* and gave *them* to His disciples; and the disciples gave to the multitude. So they all ate and were filled, and they took up seven large baskets full of the fragments that were left. Now those who ate were **about** four thousand men, besides women and children. And He sent away the multitude.

1. What is the region of Decapolis? Did Jesus begin to preach outside Israel? (Matthew 15:29; Mark 7:31)
2. Why did Jesus perform this miracle privately? [Mark 7:32-37]
3. Why does Matthew specify that the people glorified the "God of Israel"? [Matthew 15:29-31]
4. Explain the similarities and differences between the feeding of the 4,000 and that of the 5,000. [Matthew 15:32-39; Mark 8:1-9]
5. Why would Jesus feed these people thus when He refused to feed members of the 5,000 again (John 6:22-59)?