

MARK: THE JESUS YOU NEED TO KNOW PART 5

“WHAT NO ONE SEES”

SCRIPTURE: MARK 7:1-8:26; MATT 12:33-34; LUKE 6:45

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INTRODUCTION

- Last week we covered that we need to know that Jesus' authority over chaos demands our trust in the middle of it.
- Faith is built on trust.

I. ASSUMPTIONS

- One of the greatest threats to faith isn't ignorance — it's false certainty.
- Mark 7:6-7NLT, Jesus replied, “You hypocrites! Isaiah was right when he prophesied about you, for he wrote, ‘These people honor me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me. ⁷ Their worship is a farce, for they teach man-made ideas as commands from God.’”
- Matthew 12:33-34, “A tree is identified by its fruit... ³⁴ You brood of snakes! How could evil men like you speak what is good and right? For whatever is in your heart determines what you say.”
- What flows out of us reveals what lives in us.
- You can look right and still be blind to God's presence.
- Mark 7:24-28 - Jesus takes disciples to Gentile territory.
- Mark 7:26-30 NLT - Woman with demonized daughter – begs for deliverance.
- Desperation often opens the door that pride keeps shut.
- Certainty can blind us – but humility will allow us to see.

II. MORE MIRACLES

- Miracles reveal Jesus' identity, but becoming a disciple will always require surrender.

- Feeds 4000 – Mark 8:1-10 NLT
- Vs. 6 - “...Then He took the seven loaves, thanked God for them, and broke them into pieces. He gave them to His disciples, who distributed the bread to the crowd.”
- He is trying to teach the disciples:
 - Taken – When He takes us, we belong to Him.
 - Blessed – He gives us life and purpose.
 - Broken – He softens what is hard in us.
 - Given Away – What He does in us is meant to flow through us.

III. TOXIC

- Toxic Demands – Mark 8:11-13
 - Heart condition issue. They can't see past their assumptions/expectations.
 - God is going to disappoint our expectations, to accomplish His purposes.
- Toxic Ingredients – Mark 8:14-15 NLT
 - Vss. 14-15, “...“Watch out! Beware of the yeast of the Pharisees and of Herod.”
 - Yeast = something small that spreads quietly but powerfully through the whole batch.
 - What grows quietly can and will shape us completely.
- Toxic Hearts – Mark 8:16-21
 - Vss. 16-21 – “...Don't you know or understand even yet? Are your hearts too hard to take it in?...”
 - Hard hearts produce distorted views of Jesus.

CLOSE

- Mark 8:22-26 – Jesus Heals Blind Man
- He's helping someone else see.
- Proximity to truth does not guarantee perception.
- God is moving, but not how you want, think or believe He should. He is moving as He sees fit; will you trust Him?
- Jesus is patient with our blindness — but He won't leave us there.