

“WHEN GOD SIGHS, PART 2”

Mark 8:11-21

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I. Is Jesus able to engage in meaningful ministry in Dalmanutha? (vv. 11-13)

“The Pharisees came and began to argue with him.”

“seeking from him a sign from heaven to test him.”

“And he sighed deeply in his spirit”

“Why does this generation seek a sign?”

wearies Jesus the Messiah.

Exodus 4:1-9

Deuteronomy 13:1-5

Proverbs 10:22

1 Corinthians 1:22

Hebrews 2:4

“The call for a sign is a denial of the summons to radical faith which is integral to the gospel.” -William Lane

“That holy soul, which was guided by the zeal of the Spirit, must have been moved by deep sadness at the sight of such wicked obstinacy.” -John Calvin

“Like the wilderness generation of Moses’ day, who put God to the test, the religious leaders test Jesus out of their unbelief and stubborn hearts.” -Mark Strauss

II. Is unbelief limited to Pharisees? Are we safe? (vv. 14-17)

“Watch out; beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and ... Herod.”

“began discussing ... the fact that they had no bread.”

“Why are you discussing the fact that you have no bread?”

“Are your hearts hardened?”

Unbelief _____ the voice of Jesus.

Romans 1:21-22

"The disciples are presented as teetering on the brink of Pharisaic blindness."

-Mark Strauss

"They had seen his compassion for those who were in need; could they not trust him to care for them too?"

-Sinclair Ferguson

III. Is there a way out of this mess? (vv. 18-21)

"Do you not remember?"

_____ who Jesus is when life is hard.

Exodus 14:11, 21-22

Phiippians 4:10-20

"An ignorant heart cannot harden itself."

-James Edwards

BIG IDEA: Remember who Jesus is to tune back into His voice.