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Big Hungry crowd, again!

Mark 8:1-3

¹In those days there was again a large crowd, and they had nothing to eat. He called the disciples and said to them, ²“I have compassion on the crowd, because they’ve already stayed with me three days and have nothing to eat. ³If I send them home hungry, they will collapse on the way, and some of them have come a long distance.”

Been here before, guys!

Mark 8:5-6

⁴His disciples answered him, “Where can anyone get enough bread here in this desolate place to feed these people?”

⁵“How many loaves do you have?” he asked them.

“Seven,” they said.

Crowd = F . D. & H Disciples = Clueless

Mark 8:6-10

⁶He commanded the crowd to sit down on the ground. Taking the seven loaves, he gave thanks, broke them, and gave them to his disciples to set before the people. So they served them to the crowd. ⁷They also had a few small fish, and after he had blessed them, he said these were to be served as well. ⁸They ate and were satisfied. Then they collected seven large baskets of leftover pieces. ⁹About four thousand were there. He dismissed them. ¹⁰And he immediately got into the boat with his disciples and went to the district of Dalmanutha.

The plot thickens...

Mark 8:11-13

¹¹The Pharisees came and began to argue with him, demanding of him a sign from heaven to test him.

Jesus' response to being demanded of

Mark 8:12-13

¹²Sighing deeply in his spirit, he said, "Why does this generation demand a sign? Truly I tell you, no sign will be given to this generation." ¹³Then he left them, got back into the boat, and went to the other side.



Today's Message:

*Finally, you are
starting to see!*

Mark 8:14-30

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Boats and the Disciples

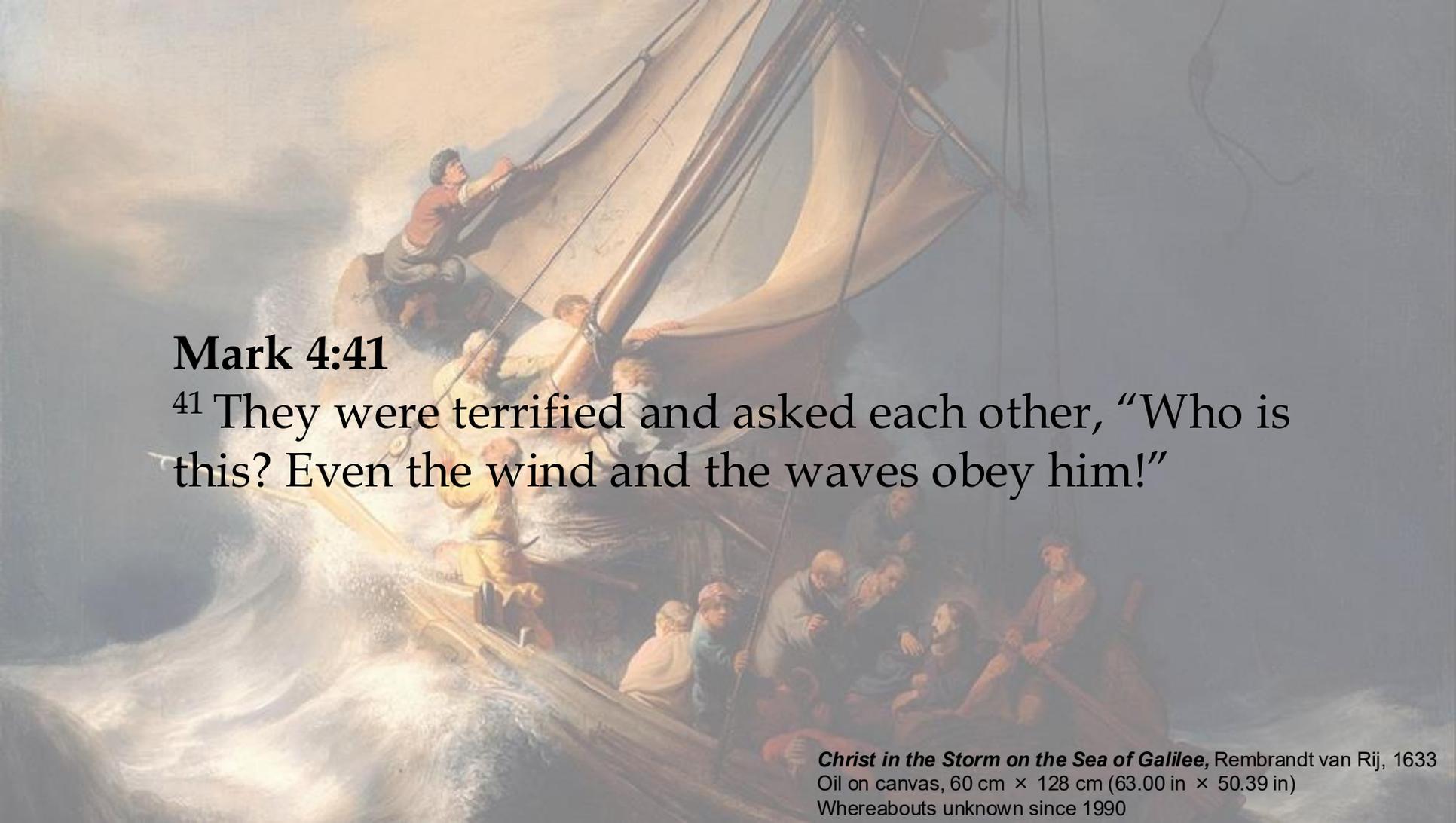
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Christ in the Storm on the Sea of Galilee, Rembrandt van Rij, 1633
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A dramatic oil painting by Rembrandt van Rijn, depicting Jesus and his disciples in a small wooden boat caught in a violent storm on the Sea of Galilee. The scene is filled with tension and chaos as the men struggle against the waves and the wind. Jesus is seated in the center of the boat, looking calm amidst the turmoil. The lighting is dramatic, with a bright light source from the left illuminating the scene and creating a stark contrast with the dark, stormy sky and sea. The brushwork is visible, adding to the sense of movement and drama.

Mark 4:41

⁴¹ They were terrified and asked each other, “Who is this? Even the wind and the waves obey him!”

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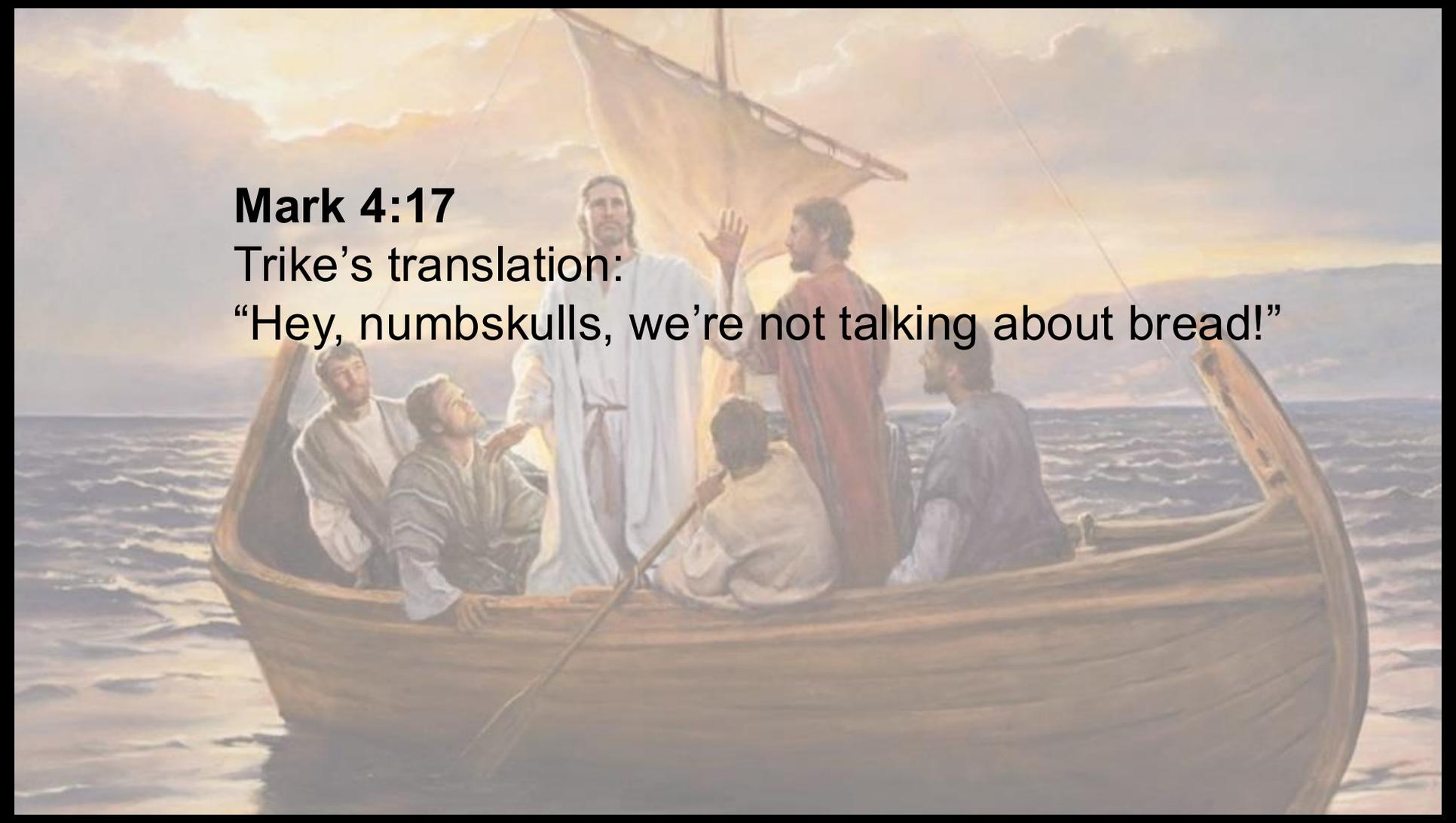


Jesus Walking on Water, Yim Maukunoil on canvas
109 x 193 cm, 2018

Mark 6:49-52

⁴⁹But when they saw him walking on the lake, they thought he was a ghost. They cried out, ⁵⁰because they all saw him and were terrified. Immediately he spoke to them and said, “Take courage! It is I. Don’t be afraid.” ⁵¹Then he climbed into the boat with them, and the wind died down. They were completely amazed, ⁵²for they had not understood about the loaves; their hearts were hardened.



A painting depicting Jesus in a wooden boat with five disciples on a choppy sea at sunset. Jesus, in a white robe, stands in the center with his right hand raised. The disciples are dressed in various colored robes (grey, white, red, blue) and are looking towards him. The background shows a sunset sky with orange and yellow clouds over a dark sea.

Mark 4:17

Trike's translation:

“Hey, numbskulls, we're not talking about bread!”

Doh! No Bread!

What's the "one loaf they had in the boat" about?

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Deadly Yeast

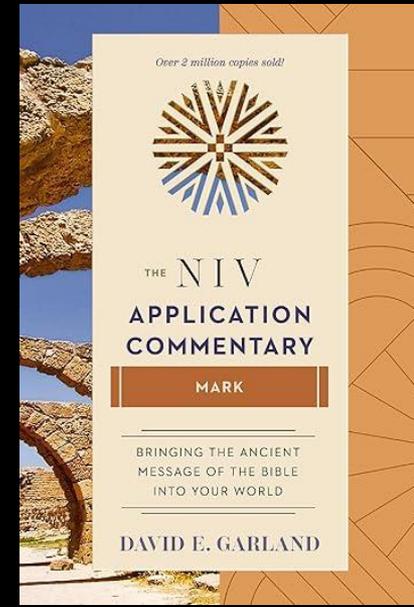
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Yeast connotes to us that fresh and wholesome ingredient that makes dough rise and gives bread a pleasing, light texture. The ancient world used the more dangerous leaven. It was produced by keeping back a piece of the previous week's dough, storing it in suitable conditions, and adding juices to promote the process of fermentation. But this homemade rising agent was fraught with health hazards because it could easily become tainted; it would then spread poison when baked with the rest of the dough. It, in turn, would infect the next batch. That is the idea Jesus uses to refer to his enemies.

~ David E. Garland, *Mark*, The NIV Application Commentary (Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan Publishing House, 1996), 310..



A man with a beard and a crown, wearing a dark robe with a white sash, points his right index finger directly at the viewer. He has a stern, intense expression. The background is dark and shows other people in similar attire, suggesting a crowd or a public setting. The lighting is dramatic, highlighting the man's face and the texture of his clothing.

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Mark 3:6

Then the Pharisees went out and began to plot with the Herodians how they might kill Jesus.

Mark 3:22

And the teachers of the law who came down from Jerusalem said, “He is possessed by Beelzebul! By the prince of demons he is driving out demons.”

Mark 7:5-7

⁵ So the Pharisees and teachers of the law asked Jesus, “Why don’t your disciples live according to the tradition of the elders instead of eating their food with defiled hands?”

⁶ He replied, “Isaiah was right when he prophesied about you hypocrites; as it is written:

“ ‘These people honor me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me.

⁷ They worship me in vain; their teachings are merely human rules.’

Mark 8:11-13

¹¹The Pharisees came and began to question Jesus. To test him, they asked him for a sign from heaven. ¹²He sighed deeply and said, “Why does this generation ask for a sign? Truly I tell you, no sign will be given to it.”

¹³Then he left them, got back into the boat and crossed to the other side.



*Beware the yeast
of Herod*



Mark 6:25-26

²⁵At once the girl hurried in to the king with the request:
“I want you to give me right now the head of John the
Baptist on a platter.”

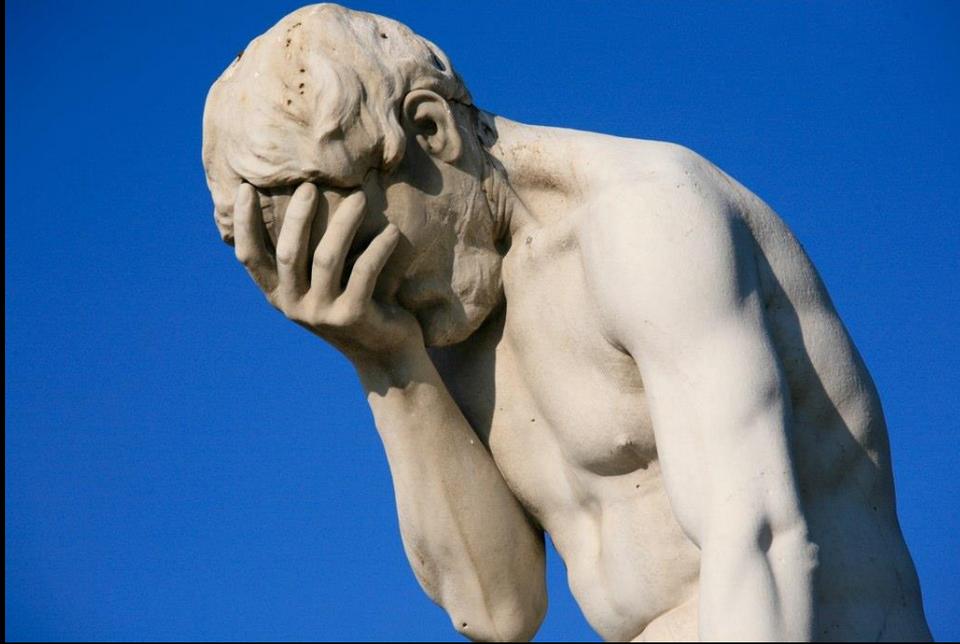
²⁶The king was greatly distressed, but because of his
oaths and his dinner guests, he did not
want to refuse her.



Totally missing the point!
Face Palm

Mark 8:17

¹⁷Aware of their discussion, Jesus asked them: “Why are you talking about having no bread?”



The disciple's conditions
Do not see or understand?

Mark 8:17-18

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Time to remember...

Mark 8:14-21

¹⁹When I broke the five loaves for the five thousand, how many basketfuls of pieces did you pick up?"

"Twelve," they replied.

²⁰"And when I broke the seven loaves for the four thousand, how many basketfuls of pieces did you pick up?"

They answered, "Seven."

Mic Drop...

Mark 8:14-21

²¹He said to them,

“Do you still not understand?”

An Historical

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OF THE
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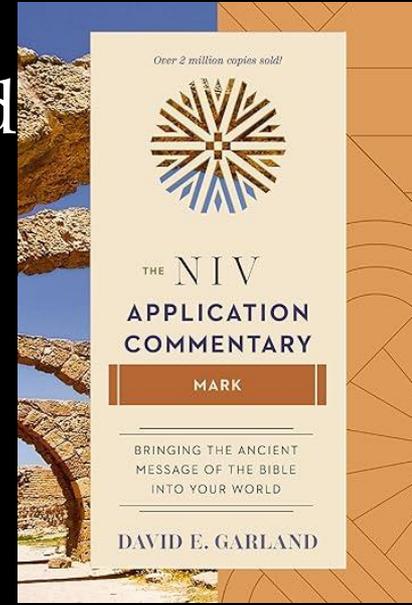
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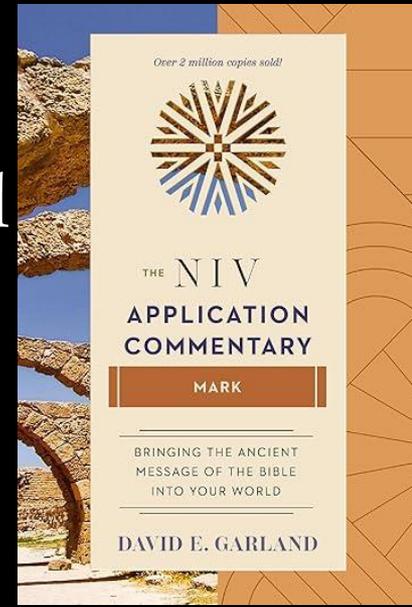


Jesus asks his disciples why all the squabbling about the loaves and then gives a quick recap of recent events to jog their memories (and the reader's). He prods them to recall how much was left over when he fed the five thousand and the four thousand. They can recall the numbers easily enough, but they cannot see past them to recognize that they have a bread maker with them in the boat. The scene is almost comical. Jesus has fed nine thousand people with next to nothing.



The disciples themselves helped distribute the food and helped gather up the leftovers, twelve mat basketfuls and seven large basketfuls. Though they had a ringside seat at both events, it has apparently slipped their minds, and they come off as dunderheads worrying about not having enough to fix lunch for thirteen. Even when Jesus refreshes their memories, they still do not fully comprehend because they have hardened hearts.

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A healing to make a point!

Mark 8:22-26

²²They came to Bethsaida, and some people brought a blind man and begged Jesus to touch him. ²³He took the blind man by the hand and led him outside the village. When he had spit on the man's eyes and put his hands on him, Jesus asked,
"Do you see anything?"

²⁴He looked up and said, "I see people; they look like trees walking around."

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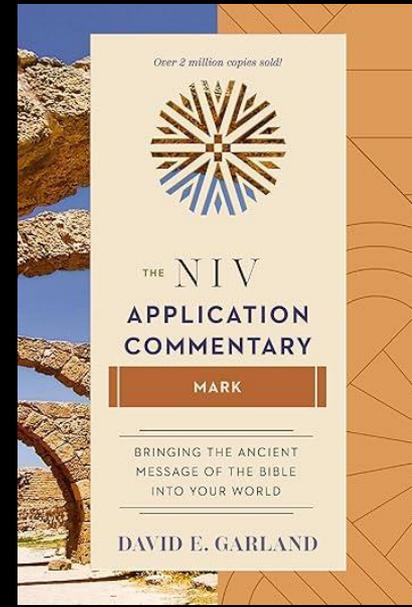
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²⁵Once more Jesus put his hands on the man's eyes. Then his eyes were opened, his sight was restored, and he saw everything clearly.

²⁶Jesus sent him home, saying, "Don't even go into the village."

“The Markan context, which portrays Jesus’ struggle to get his disciples to see anything, gives this unusual two-stage healing added significance. The blind man’s healing occurs between two examples of the disciples’ blindness (8:14–21; 8:31–33). This physical healing of blindness serves as a paradigm for the spiritual healing of the disciples’ sight, which also comes gradually and with difficulty.

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Now you are starting to see clearly!

Mark 8:22-30

²⁷Jesus and his disciples went on to the villages around Caesarea Philippi. On the way he asked them, “Who do people say I am?”

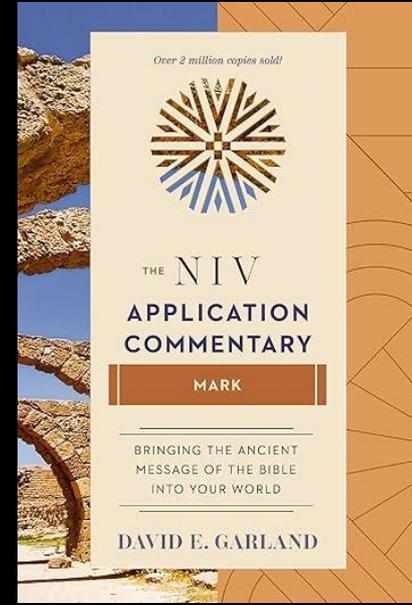
²⁸They replied, “Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets.”

²⁹“But what about you?” he asked. “Who do you say I am?”

Peter answered, “You are the Messiah.”

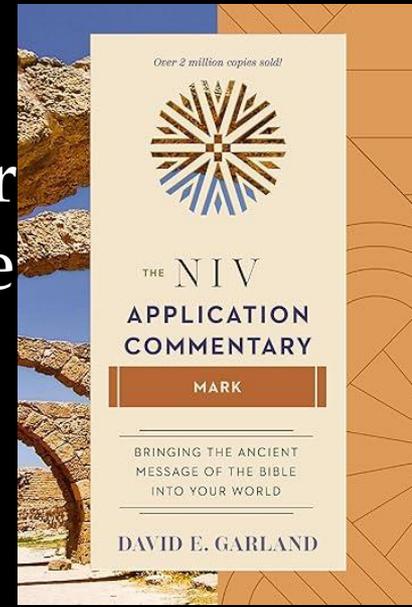
³⁰Jesus warned them not to tell anyone about him.

As we near the midway point of this Gospel, the first half has drawn attention to the disciples' inability to recognize that Jesus is the Messiah empowered by God. When it finally dawns on Peter, the spokesman for the group, that Jesus is the Christ, the disciples encounter a new hurdle to their understanding. The second half of the book will reveal their inability to understand that this Messiah must suffer and die and be vindicated in his resurrection.



As Jesus asked the blind man, “Do you see anything?” so he will ask the disciples, “Who do you say I am?” Peter does see something. After all of Jesus’ mighty works and deeds, he has a flash of insight: “You are the Christ” (8:29). The first stage of healing is complete. But he only has partial sight, as Jesus’ stern rebuke in the next sentence makes clear (8:33). Peter sees, but he sees the equivalent of walking trees. Both Peter and the disciples require a second touch before they will see all things clearly — that the Messiah must suffer and die.

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