

7 ³¹ Again He left the region of Tyre and came through Sidon to the Sea of Galilee, within the region of Decapolis. ³² And they brought to Him one who was deaf and had difficulty speaking, and they begged Him to lay His hands on him. ³³ And Jesus took him aside from the crowd, by himself, and put His fingers in his ears, and after spitting, He touched his tongue with the saliva; ³⁴ and looking up to heaven with a deep sigh,

He said to him, “Ephphatha!” that is, “Be opened!”³⁵ And his ears were opened, and the impediment of his tongue was removed, and he began speaking plainly.³⁶ And He gave them orders not to tell anyone; but the more He ordered them, the more widely they continued to proclaim it.³⁷ And they were utterly astonished, saying, “He has done all things well; He makes even those who are deaf hear, and those who are unable to talk, speak.”

8 ¹In those days, when there was again a large crowd and they had nothing to eat, Jesus summoned His disciples and said to them, ²“I feel compassion for the people because they have remained with Me for three days already and have nothing to eat.

³And if I send them away hungry to their homes, they will faint on the way; and some of them have come from a great distance.”

⁴And His disciples replied to Him,

“Where will anyone be able to find enough bread here in this desolate place to satisfy these people?”⁵ And He was asking them, “How many loaves do you have?” And they said, “Seven.”⁶ And He directed the people to recline on the ground; and taking the seven loaves, He gave thanks and broke them, and started giving them to His disciples to serve, and they served them to the people.⁷ They also had a few small fish;

and after he had blessed them, He told the disciples to serve these as well. ⁸And they ate and were satisfied; and they picked up seven large baskets full of what was left over of the broken pieces. ⁹About four thousand men were there; and He dismissed them. ¹⁰And immediately He got into the boat with His disciples and came to the region of Dalmanutha. ¹¹And the Pharisees came out and began to argue with Him,

demanding from Him a sign from heaven, to test Him. ¹²Sighing deeply in His spirit, He said, “Why does this generation demand a sign? Truly I say to you, no sign will be given to this generation!” ¹³And leaving them, He again embarked and went away to the other side. ¹⁴And the disciples had forgotten to take bread, and did not have more than one loaf in the boat with them. ¹⁵And He was giving orders to them, saying,

“Watch out! Beware of the leaven of the Pharisees, and the leaven of Herod.” ¹⁶***And they began to discuss with one another the fact that they had no bread.*** ¹⁷***And Jesus, aware of this, said to them, “Why are you discussing the fact that you have no bread? Do you not yet comprehend or understand? Do you still have your heart hardened?***

¹⁸HAVING EYES, DO YOU NOT SEE? AND HAVING EARS, DO YOU NOT HEAR?

***And do you not remember, ¹⁹when I broke the five loaves for the five thousand, how many baskets full of broken pieces you picked up?" They said to Him, "Twelve."
²⁰"When I broke the seven for the four thousand, how many large baskets full of broken pieces did you pick up?" And they said to Him, "Seven."
²¹And He was saying to them, "Do you not yet understand?"***

22 And they came to Bethsaida. And some people brought a man who was blind to Jesus and begged Him to touch him.

23 Taking the man who was blind by the hand, He brought him out of the village; and after spitting in his eyes and laying His hands on him, He asked him, "Do you see anything?" 24 And he looked up and said, "I see people, for I see them like trees, walking around."

25 Then again He laid His hands on his eyes; and he looked intently and was restored, and began to see everything clearly. 26 And He sent him to his home, saying, “Do not even enter the village.”